Health Policy

The following document outlines when a child **may not attend school.** When a child displays any of the following symptoms it is recommended to seek a doctor's advice. Parents of children who display any of these symptoms during the school day will be requested to **collect their child.**

Temperature:

- When a child has a temperature of 37.5˚ degrees or above.
- Only after a child has been fever free for 24 hrs, without fever medication having been administered, may a child return to school.

Coughs:

- When a child has an ongoing cough and/or 'deep' cough.

Runny Noses:

- If a child has a clear runny nose but does not require any medication and has no cough or other symptoms, he/she **may attend** school.
- If symptoms worsen please keep your child at home.

Pink Eye:

- No child may attend school with red and/or swollen eyes with discharge.
- A child may return to school 24 hours after all symptoms have stopped (no discharge, no swelling and no redness).

Diarrhoea and/ or vomiting

- No child who has diarrhoea or is vomiting may attend school until 24 hours after all vomiting/ diarrhoea has stopped.

Antibiotic Treatment

- When a child has been prescribed antibiotics and/ or medication to treat an infection, the child may return to school not earlier than 2 days after the start of the antibiotic treatment and providing no more than 3 days are left before its scheduled end.
- Please ensure that you follow the doctor's prescription to the end. Do not stop antibiotic treatment before its scheduled end.

Unspecified Rash

- If your child develops an unidentified rash on the main body (incl. chest, head, neck, mouth) please seek a doctor's advice.
- No child will be permitted to attend until you have a doctor's confirmation that your chid is not suffering from any contagious disease.

Contagious Disease

- No child may attend school with any contagious disease e.g. German Measles or Mumps, chickenpox, etc.

Chickenpox

- A child who has had the chickenpox vaccine can still contract chickenpox, although the symptoms are usually far milder, two vaccines a month apart is now recommended.
- No child may attend school until ALL scabbing has fallen off.

Ringworm

- Ringworm transfers easily from pets to children.
- Please consult a pharmacist for a proprietary cream if you suspect ringworm.
- A child may attend school after treatment has begun, providing the entire area is covered in a dressing.
- No ringworm cream may be administered to a child by staff at Curious Minds.

Unfortunately, pre-school children are particularly prone to common colds and respiratory tract, gastro-intestinal and their infections. Ironically, they need these infections to build up their immunity. Although incredibly frustrating to parents, these infections can easily occur in some children up to 10-12 times per year. Just like ourselves, sometimes more so, children need rest to fight an infection.

If your chid is sick, please do not send them to school! This is for the benefit of all children in the school.

We cannot offer sick children the individual care and attention that a parent/caregiver would at home. If your child rests when sick they are likely to get better much quicker than if they are exposed to a busy day at school and are possibly exposed to other infectious agents. Therefore, we ask you to please take these rules very seriously!

Recommended Preventative Tips:

- Bactroban nasal in each nostril before school every day.
- Flugon syrup (cold and flu) twice a day everyday.

Medicine:

Teachers will ONLY administer chronic medication, homeopathic medication, or the last 3 days of an antibiotic course.

All medication is to be handed to the teacher by the parent. NO MEDICATION is to be left in the child's bag!! Medication can be collected at the end of the day unless it is chronic medication or an epipen. The required dosage and time schedule is to be discussed as well as written and signed for on the medication form. No medication will be administered for symptomatic relief at school unless we have contacted the parents, or if we cannot get hold of any of the child's contacts and the fever is above 37.5°C. In this case we will administer Nurofen, or Panado in the age appropriate dosage and we will record this on the medication register in your child's class for which you will be asked to sign.

Kind regards,

Curious Minds Management