



## Dromara Primary School

### Infection Control advice for parents

If your child is feeling unwell, it is advisable to keep them off school until they feel better, especially with colds, coughs etc. They will recover more quickly and this reduces the risk of spreading infections.

The guidelines below are general and if you are in any doubt please contact your doctor.

Parents are very good at letting us know if a child has an infection, so please continue to do this.

#### Vomiting/Diarrhoea

If your child has been sent home from school with vomiting/diarrhoea or has had these symptoms before coming to school, they should not return to school until they have been symptom free for 48 hours.

#### Common childhood infections

<i>Infection name</i>	<i>Exclusion Period from school</i>
Measles**	5 days from onset of rash
Chicken Pox**	5 days from onset of rash
Mumps**	5 days from onset of swollen glands
German Measles (Rubella)**	6 days from onset of rash
Slapped Cheek (Parvovirus)**	None*
Scabies	Until treated
Impetigo	Until lesions are crusted or healed
Scarlet Fever	24 hours from commencing antibiotics
Glandular Fever	None*

\*\*Please inform the school urgently of these conditions due to the serious risk to vulnerable children and pregnant women.

\*Although there is no specific exclusion period for these infections, if your child is not feeling well they should be given time off to recover.

#### Head injury advice

Observe your child carefully and please seek medical advice if any of the following occur or you have concerns about your child:

- They vomit more than once
- They become increasingly drowsy/difficult to rouse
- They complain of increasing headaches despite taking simple painkillers
- They complain of dizziness
- They appear confused (disorientated or muddled up)
- They have problems understanding or speaking
- They have a loss of balance or problems walking
- They have clear fluid/blood coming from nose/ears or new deafness in one or both ears
- They develop eyesight problems
- They have a fit (call 999 for an ambulance)
- They collapse or are unconscious (call 999 for an ambulance)

For any concussion injury we would strongly suggest that your child is assessed by a qualified medical doctor. This is a priority and should be undertaken without delay. Please inform the school if your child has sustained a concussion injury, especially when this has occurred outside school that we may not be aware of.