Monday 26th September 2022

**Advice Regarding Childhood Illnesses**

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the winter months, there is generally a rise in childhood illnesses. To assist us in reducing infection transmission in school we ask all parents to follow the public health guidance below:

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| **Illness** | **Return to school** |
| Chickenpox | Not until all vesicles have crusted over |
| COVID | 3 days isolation for children, 5 days for adults |
| Measles | Four days from onset of rash |
| Scarlet fever | Child can return 24 hours after commencing appropriate antibiotic treatment |
| Diarrhoea and/or vomiting | 48 hours from last episode of diarrhoea or vomiting |

We have been notified of increased cases of Scarlet Fever in the North West and a rising cases of COVID also in the area.

Thank-you for supporting school to maintain the balance between good attendance and minimising the risk of infections spreading through classmates. If you require any advice about your child’s illness or your child becomes unwell with another bug, please contact the school office who will be able to guide you.

Best Wishes,

Mrs Amanda Donelan

Headteacher