

Teacher's / Parents Quick Guide – What to Do If a Child Has ...March '23

Diarrhea or Vomiting incident in Class/Home	The child should remain at home for 48 hours after the last episode.
Infectious Diseases	In the case of contagious diseases occurring within a class (e.g., chicken pox, measles, mumps, rubella, scarlet fever, glandular fever, whooping cough, impetigo, ringworm, head – lice, scabies), all Parents/Guardians from the relevant class will be informed by email that a case of 'X' has been reported in the class. The school will always follow advice from the HSE.
Chickenpox	Keep your child off school, pre-school or childcare until their spots are dry. Once the spots are crusted and dried, they can go back to school as they stop being infectious.
Conjunctivitis	Although the HSE report that children can attend school with conjunctivitis, the school advises that you keep your child at home until the infection has cleared, to prevent the spread of this highly contagious virus. Children with conjunctivitis can be upset and find it difficult to see the board.
Impetigo	Children should see their GP and stay at home for 7-10 days until the infection has fully cleared.
Slapped Cheek	Symptoms will include: a high temperature, runny nose, and a headache. Children are contagious until 24hrs after their fever has resolved. Once the rash appears, child can return to school as they are no longer infectious. Staff working with children with slapped cheek, and who may be pregnant should seek advice from their doctor whether they can attend work.
A Sprain	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letter from the parent outlining the child's care needs/the proposed time framework when the child can return to normal school activities such as; playing in the yard and attending PE lessons. • There is no provision for a child to stay in the classroom /office during break times
A Broken Limb	The Board of Management (BoM) require a letter from the hospital or doctor: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stating the child is fit to return to school • Outlining any care, additional support or physical aides that the child may require whilst in school. • Outlining the proposed time framework when the child can return to normal school activities such as; playing in the yard and attending PE lessons. • If the child can return to school, but is not yet fit to engage in play in the school yard, parents/guardians should provide a note agreeing that the child can sit at the edge of the yard, adjacent to their class as there is no provision for children to stay in the classroom or in the office during break times.
Seizure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The office will call an ambulance immediately • The teacher will remain beside the child and try to keep the area surrounding the child as safe as possible • The office will phone the parents to come to the school immediately • If the parents cannot be contacted, the teacher should accompany the child to hospital in the ambulance and another teacher will follow the ambulance and meet their colleague at the hospital
Surgery	The BoM require a letter from the hospital or doctor: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stating that the child is fit to return to school • Outlining any care, additional support or physical aides that the child may require whilst in school • Outlining the proposed time framework when the child can return to normal school activities such as; playing in the yard and attending PE lessons • If the child can return to school, but is not yet fit to engage in play in the school yard, parents/guardians should provide a note agreeing that the child can sit at the edge of the yard, adjacent to their class as there is no provision for the child to stay in the classroom or in the Office during break times
Covid-19	Remain at home and follow HSE advice

Asthma & needs to take an Inhaler	Parents are given the <i>'Administration of Medication form'</i> by the teacher & must complete the attached appendices granting the teacher permission to give the child their inhaler
A Head Injury in the Yard/Classroom	The teacher should: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phone the parents immediately to afford the parents the opportunity to decide whether they should collect their child from school • Complete the <i>'Accident Report Book'</i> kept in Mr Kane's cubby
Has an Incidental Toileting Accident	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If there is an SNA close by, the SNA can look after the care needs of the child • In the absence of an SNA, the teacher or their SET can attend to the child • A parent should be contacted if the child has soiled themselves in case the child has a tummy bug and may need to go home • Parents should be notified after school if a child has wet themselves
Head Lice	The teacher should: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact the parents • Send a letter home to the class advising parents to check their child's hair
Antibiotics	Remain at home while feeling unwell, once antibiotic has taken effect children can return. Antibiotics may not be brought to school.