

Monday 7th September 2020

Attendance and Illness

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we start a new week, we thought that it may be useful for you to have a copy of the attached flowchart, advising when children can be in school if they feel slightly unwell.

We know that children do regularly get colds, runny noses and can be a little under the weather. With these illnesses, it is still fine for children to attend school and there is no need to keep them off school 'as a precaution'. As ever, if your child gets any worse during the day, we will give you a call and send them home. Most of the time in these circumstances, we find that the children are absolutely fine during the day. We do have some children off school today as a precaution, linked to a cold and this is not necessary – children need to be in school, as long as they are well enough.

Children should not come to school if they have any of the following symptoms - temperature, persistent cough or lack of test/smell. In this case, they should get a Covid test done before returning to school, by calling 119. Siblings should also stay off school until the results come back.

Tests should not be sought for anyone who does not have the symptoms of Covid, or as a precaution, as otherwise the NHS testing system will become overwhelmed and there will not be the capacity for those who need it.

Best Wishes

Mrs J Ashley-Jones



Headteacher