

Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Is My Child Too Ill for School?

The Department for Education (DfE) has provided headteachers and school leaders with a clinical and public health perspective on mild illnesses and school attendance.

It is usually appropriate for parents and carers to send their children to school with mild respiratory illnesses. This would include general cold symptoms: a minor cough, runny nose or sore throat. However, children should not be sent to school if they have a temperature of 38°C or above.

For further advice and support, we encourage you to use the following clinical resources:

- **NHS Guidance:** [Is my child too ill for school?](#) – A quick guide for daily decision-making.
- **A-Z of Infectious Diseases:** [Managing specific infectious diseases](#) – Detailed UKHSA guidance on specific illnesses (e.g., Chickenpox, Scarlet Fever, Measles).
- **General Health Protection:** [Preventing and controlling infections](#) – Information on hygiene and official exclusion periods.

We appreciate your continued support in ensuring our students stay healthy and remain in school whenever possible to support their learning and development.

Yours faithfully



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