



Guidance on School Attendance during and after an illness

As a school we follow the Health Protection Agency's 'Guidance on infection control in schools and other childcare settings'.

We do appreciate that young children are often unwell one day and completely fine the next, please phone the school if you have any questions.

Generally speaking

- Any symptoms of illness which might be contagious to others or will cause the child to feel unwell and unable to fully participate in the school day require the child to be absent from school.
- Please telephone or email the school the morning of your child's illness to inform us they will not be in in line with 'First Day Calling'.
- Children should not be at school when unwell, other than with a mild cough/cold.
- Symptoms of vomiting or diarrhoea, when a stomach bug so not an allergic reaction, requires a child to be absent from school and not to return until clear of symptoms for 48 hours. This is not a 2-day rule but a 48-hour rule, so if your child has had their last bout of sickness or diarrhea at 11am on Saturday they may return to school after 11am on Monday.
- Children should not be sent to school with earache, toothache or other significant discomfort.
- Children should not be sent to school with an undiagnosed rash or a rash caused by any contagious illness.

This school follows the Public Health Agency regulations and guidance, and as such it is expected that your child will be kept away from public places during absences from school, such as restaurants, shops, activity clubs and play areas. If this guidance is not followed your child's absence would be marked as unauthorised in line with the Educational Welfare Officer guidance.

First Day Calling

We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people. Nationally there have been a couple of cases of children being left vulnerable at home due to the illness of a parent. With this in mind our procedure will be the following.

To help us to safeguard your family, please contact us as soon as possible if your child is absent from school and let us know of a reason for absence.

You can do this by selecting one of the following methods:

- Phone: 01483 714804
or
- Email reception@horsell-village.surrey.sch.uk

If school have not received a reason for absence by 9.15am, then the following procedure will be followed:

1. The school will telephone the first name on the contact list.
2. If there is no response school will ring numbers on the contact list, until a reply is received.
3. If school have had no response, a home visit will be made if possible, by either school staff or other agencies working with the family.
4. School will contact the Police if all other stages have been completed and there is still no contact regarding the absent child.