



Jennett's Park CE Primary School

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Medical Update – Year 1

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Dear Parents/Carers,

This letter is to inform you that we have a Year 1 pupil, who has a weakened immune system. This means that if they are exposed to viruses and bacterial infections, they can very easily contract the infection and become very ill.

In an effort to keep this child, as well as all of our children, healthy this school year, we ask that you keep your child home for the following reasons

- **Raised temperature.** If your child has a raised temperature (38c or above), they shouldn't attend school. They can return 24 hours after they start to feel better without the use of medicines such as Calpol.
- **Vomiting and diarrhoea.** Children with diarrhoea and/or vomiting should be kept off school until at least 48 hours after their symptoms have gone.
- **Colds,** where the cold is accompanied by a raised temperature, shivers or drowsiness. Children can return to school 24 hours after they start to feel better.
- **Rash.** Skin rashes can be the first sign of many infectious illnesses, such as chickenpox and measles. Children with these conditions shouldn't attend school. If your child has a rash, check with a pharmacist before bringing to school.
- **Sore throat.** if accompanied by a raised temperature.
- **Chickenpox.** If your child has chickenpox, keep them off school until all their spots have crusted over. Please inform school **as soon as possible** if your child has chicken pox.

The NHS website also has useful information on when children should/shouldn't come to school
[Is my child too ill for school? - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me

Thank you for your support in this, we look forward to a healthy school year for all of the children.

Shelley Thorpe
Medical and First Aid Co-ordinator

