



Acting Headteacher: **Mrs Claudia Thiele** BEd Hons NPQSL, NPQH

Dear Parents & Carers,

Re: Return to school process following a procedure or illness

Please find below some information that we hope is helpful to support your child to return to school following a medical procedure/operation or illness.

When your child has had an operation or medical procedure, the Lonsdale Nursing Team need to be contacted in the first instance to conduct the return to school process. When your child has started to recover and you anticipate that your child is ready to return to school, please contact the nursing team 1 - 2 school days before your intend on your child returning to school.

Following this discussion, the NHS Nursing Team will make contact with Mrs Thiele, our Acting Headteacher to ensure that an update is provided regarding any changes to your child's needs/medication/positioning, etc which will be cascaded to your child's teacher, class team and supporting teams within the school. Following the information be shared with all teams, Mrs Thiele will then organise the return to school and you will be informed of a return date.

Please note, if this discussion has not been had, your child will not be able to return to school. This is to ensure that your child's needs are being met correctly and appropriately and there is no further risk to their health.

If your child has had an a general anaesthetic, they are required to stay at home for 24 hours for short day case/non-complex procedures and 48 hours at home following complex procedures.

Please find below a copy of the Public Health Agency guidelines regarding illness and school attendance which has been provided by the NHS nursing team:

TYPES OF ILLNESS/INFECTION	RECOMMENDED PERIOD OF ABSENCE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diarrhoea • Diarrhoea and vomiting • Vomiting • (Gastrointestinal infection) 	A full 48 hours from last episode of diarrhoea and/or vomiting. Exclusion from swimming should be for 2 weeks following the last episode of diarrhoea.
Conjunctivitis	None.
Impetigo	Until lesions are crusted and healed, or 48 hours after commencing antibiotic treatment.
Scabies	Child can return after first treatment. (Household and close contacts require treatment)
Ring Worm	Treatment is required. Exclusion not required after treatment started.
Chicken Pox	Until all vesicles have crusted over.
German Measles & Measles	Four days from onset of rash.

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Scarlett Fever	Child can return 24 hours after commencing appropriate antibiotic treatment.
Whooping Cough	48 hours from commencing antibiotic treatment, or 21 days from onset of illness if no antibiotic treatment.
Flu (Influenza)	Until recovered.
Infection treated with Antibiotics	Full 24 hours after commencing Antibiotic course.
Anaesthetic	Full 24 hours after anaesthetic has been given for short day case or non-complex procedures. Otherwise a full 48hrs is advised for more complex procedures.
Hospital Admission	Return to school paperwork to be completed with Lonsdale Nursing Team before returning to school.

If you have any queries regarding your child's return to school, please contact the NHS nursing team in the first instance. Their direct line is 01438 318551.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Claudia Thiele
Acting Headteacher

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