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## **William Barnes Primary School**

### **Illness Policy for Children**

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Signature of Headteacher	Karen Wrixon
Signature of Chair of Governors	Chris Jones
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When children are unwell they should be kept at home. While many of our staff are trained in first aid, and we have two paediatric first aiders, facilities for looking after sick children are very limited.

If your child has had norovirus, it is important that you allow a period of **at least 48 hours** after the last bout of sickness or diarrhoea, before sending them back to school. Such action will help to prevent the infection spreading unnecessarily to others in the school.

If your child has a fever, they will need to be absent for 24 hours and the fever cleared.

We follow guidance published by the NHS for information on all illnesses:

[Is my child too ill for school? - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)

We also follow Public Health guidance which informs us how long to keep children off and about illnesses:

[How long should you keep your child off school - checklist poster \(text version\) - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)

When your child is unwell and unable to come to school, parents/ carers need to telephone the office and leave a message on the answer phone **before 8.55 am each and every day your child is absent**. This will mean their absence is accounted for (the office staff will chase parents who have not phoned in confirming reasons for absence).

Please leave the following information in your message:

- Your child's name
- Their class
- Reason for absence
- Your relationship to the child

School Telephone Number: 01258 472257

We follow the school attendance policy for absences. Please see the Attendance Policy, the Administering Medicines policy and the First Aid policy for more information. These are all list on the Policy section of the school website.