



# Barrow Hills

## SCHOOL

### **Children's return to school when absent due to illness**

Please see below for guidance on when children are to return to school following a period of absence due to illness.

Of course no child should return to school until they are well enough to do so. This may sound obvious but we do have instances of children returning too soon, which results in them being ill and absent for longer than they would have been if they had completely recovered. A child returning too early also risks other children, and staff, being infected with the same illness, which, as I am sure you appreciate, can lead to a large number of people becoming ill.

In all cases of uncontrolled diarrhoea and/or if a child has vomited more than once in a 24 hour period, the child must not return to school until 48 hours after the last diarrhoea/vomiting episode.

In addition a child must be kept at home in the following instances;

- Any mouth sores, until a health professional determines that the child's illness is not communicable;
- A skin rash with fever unless a health professional has approved that the child may be at school;
- Pink eye (conjunctivitis) until 24 hours after treatment has begun.
- Head lice until after treatment;
- Any contagious diseases until a health professional gives permission to return e.g. mumps, impetigo, chicken pox, measles, german measles, shingles etc.;
- A fever along with other signs of not being well – unusual crying, drowsiness, wheezing, coughing.

It is important that the School is informed immediately of any of the above.