

Queenswood



Illness Policy

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1. Aims and objectives:

This policy outlines Queenswood School's approach to managing student's illness. At Queenswood School we believe it is of paramount importance that students are in school as often as possible in order that they can make the best possible progress. The health and well-being of students is of paramount importance and we wish to support all parents/carers/guardians who have any concerns about their child's wellbeing.

This policy applies to all staff, students, and parents/guardians and should be read alongside these other policies:

- Attendance Policy
- Boarders handbook
- Procedure for dealing with a student who has been sick

2. When a student should refrain from school:

In order to maintain a healthy environment for all our students we ask that students refrain from school and Boarding in the following circumstances:

Fig 1:

When to refrain from school	How long to refrain from school for
Chicken Pox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	When they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19
Impetigo	When their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	After they have had their first treatment
Scarlet fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Temperature	For a temperature of 38.0 degrees or above, they should refrain from school for 24 hours after their temperature returns to normal (less than 38.0 degrees)
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

Parents/guardians will inform the nursing team if their child develops any of the illnesses outlined above in Fig 1. The nursing team will assess risk for other students and staff in relation to specific illnesses as outlined in the Health Protection in Education and Childcare Settings (HPECS) exclusion guidance and alert parents/carers/guardians of any particular risks for vulnerable student groups and alert School Human Resources for any risks to vulnerable staff groups.

3. Process for students who are ill

Monday-Friday 8.00-18.00:

If a student develops an illness or feels unwell during a lesson they should inform their teacher who will issue a medical centre pass or advise them to attend the medical centre during morning break/lunchtime/after school. Students will then attend the medical centre. The nursing team will assess ill students and update parents/carers/guardians as required. The nursing team will liaise with our local Pharmacist and/or GP if diagnosis/advice is required for full/weekly boarders who are registered with our local GP. If a student needs to be collected from school a nurse will contact parents/guardians to arrange this.

If a student is required to go home, once the student has been collected from the medical centre, the nursing team will inform the General Office who will update the school registrar.

If a student is on an offsite visit the trip leader will seek medical support if required and/or contact parents/guardians.

Monday – Friday after 18.00 and during weekends:

Students will inform boarding staff if they are ill.

Boarding staff will assess students and contact 111 for advice if required and/or contact parents/guardians.

If a student needs to be collected from school a member of the boarding team will contact parents/guardians to arrange this.

4. Non Exclusion conditions

There is NO need to refrain from school with the following conditions, but please inform the nursing team and boarding team of the following:

- Hand, foot and mouth
- Head Lice
- Threadworms
- Glandular fever
- Tonsillitis
- Slapped Cheek
- Any planned or unplanned hospital admission or A&E attendance

5. Exclusion Guidance

For all day and boarding students at Queenswood School we follow the Health Protection in Education and Childcare Settings (HPECS) exclusion guidance:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/health-protection-in-schools-and-other-childcare-facilities/children-and-young-people-settings-tools-and-resources#exclusion-table>

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

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