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Dear Parent/Carers

The Health Protection Agency has issued guidance on infection control in schools and other childcare settings, which involves information with regard to the recommended period that children should be kept away from school.

There are occasions when a child develops an infection and Parent/Carers then need to make the decision as to whether or not to send them into school and how long their children should be kept away from their educational setting. Therefore Jotmans Hall Primary School has decided to share this information with Parent/Carers to support them, when having to make these decisions. However we must stress, that this is guidance and if Parent/Carers are still concerned after consulting this guidance, they should always seek medical advice, in addition to their own judgement.

Infection	Recommended period to be kept away from school.
Chickenpox:	Five days from the onset of the rash
German Measles:	Six days from the onset of the rash
Impetigo:	Until lesions are crusted and healed
Measles:	Four days from the onset of the rash
Ringworm:	Absence from school not required
Scabies:	The child can return to school after the first treatment
Scarlet Fever:	The child can return 24 hours after commencing the appropriate antibiotic treatment.
Slapped Cheek:	Absence from school not required
Shingles;	A child should not attend school if the rash is weeping and cannot be covered.
Warts and verrucae;	Absence from school not required, however the wart or verrucae should be covered.
Conjunctivitis;	Absence from school not required
Mumps:	A child should not attend school for 5 days after the onset of the swelling.
Threadworm:	Absence from school not required
Tonsillitis	Absence from school not required. There are many causes, but most cases are due to viruses and do not need an antibiotic.

Yours sincerely

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