



Federation of St Clement's & St John's CE Infant and Bethany CE Junior Schools



Health Information

Head Lice

As this can be a common problem, please be vigilant. We encourage parents to *Once a Week take a peek*— a National parents campaign to beat school bug bullies. Check your child's hair every week, by combing through conditioner with a fine tooth comb and using a recognised brand of head lice treatment. As these treatments act very quickly please be aware that you should NOT keep your child away from school once they have been treated. To also help keep the problem manageable, children with long hair **MUST** have it tied back when they are in school. If you would like an information leaflet please ask at the office.

Absence from school to treat Head lice will be **unauthorised**.



Sickness and Diarrhoea

Please be aware that if your child has either or both of these symptoms you must keep them at home for **48 hours** after the last bout of illness. If your child returns before this period, they will be sent home to prevent the illness spreading.

My child has threadworms - should they be allowed to go to school?

A threadworm infection should be treated as soon as it's identified, but the Health Protection Agency (HPA) advises that it is not necessary to stay off work or school. However, it's important to inform the school or nursery so that they can follow good hygiene practices to limit the spread of infection. These will include:

- cleaning toys and equipment
- encouraging children to wash their hands regularly

(Information provided by www.nhs.uk)

Medication in School

If you need to keep medication in school for your child, for example inhalers or epi-pens, please make sure that you regularly check the expiry dates. Please make sure that a permission to administer medicine form is completed and that the medicine is handed in to the office for storage in the medical room. Children must not have medicine in their school bags. This also applies to cough sweets which should be handed to the class teacher.

It is not possible for staff to administer Calpol to your child however you are welcome to come into school at lunchtime and administer yourself, if considered necessary. Please inform the class teacher/school office if you plan to do this so we can arrange in advance for your child to come to the office.

ANTIBIOTICS — If your child is prescribed antibiotics he/she does not need to stay off school until the course has been completed. When well enough they should return to school.

Dosage x3 times a day — we are *unable* to administer this medication as it possible to be administered around the school hours/school day.

Dosage x4 times a day— as it is not possible to administer four doses around the school hours/school day please complete a permission to administer medicine form and hand to the class teacher or to the school office together with the medicine.

