



Danes Hill School

ILLNESS AND MEDICINE POLICY FOR YEARS 2-8

These guidelines are issued for your information and are not necessarily a comprehensive list of all issues. If you would like clarification on any further points, please contact the School. Please ensure that the school has a completed and up-to-date medical form for your child as it is important to identify children with any health needs.

ABSENCE

In the case of absence through illness, the School should be informed by telephone (Main School Reception – 01372 842509) on the first day of absence. If any special restrictions apply on return to school (e.g. games, swimming etc.) a note from the parents to the form teacher is required.

MEDICINES

Where appropriate your child may be given non-prescribed medicines to treat minor illness or injury as per the Homely Remedies Policy. [You automatically consent to the administration of over the counter preparations \(the Medication and Product List* is available on our website\).](#) If you do not wish to give this consent, please state this separately in writing. Essential medical information will be shared with school staff to ensure your child's safety e.g. Asthma, Diabetes, Allergies.

It is the parent/carer's responsibility to write to the School Nurses informing her of any new medical conditions/health needs. Unless notification is received, the School is entitled to consider that the information in the Confidential Medical Form is correct.

Any medication brought from home whether it be prescribed, over the counter or herbal, must be registered and stored in the Medical Centre. It must be accompanied by a Pupil Medication Request form which can be downloaded from the School Website or available from the Medical Centre. The medicine must be in the original packaging stating generic drug name, dose and the pupil's name. An English translation must be provided in the case of foreign medicines.

Please always notify the School Nurse of any medication given to a child prior to the school day:
nurse@daneshill.surrey.sch.uk

MEDI-ALERT

The school recognises the value of Medi-Alert bracelets. Please inform the school if your child wears one.

Adrenaline Auto-Injectors

Please see Allergy and Anaphylaxis Policy

Head Injury and Concussion

Please see the Head Injury and Concussion Policy

SICKNESS AND DIARRHOEA

Children who are sick or have diarrhoea should be kept at home for a period of at least 48 hours following the illness. Children who have been ill during the night should not come to school the next morning. Children should not swim for 2 weeks after the last episode of diarrhoea.

CONTAGIOUS DISEASES (e.g. Chicken Pox)

Children should not be back in school until all the blisters have crusted over. On their return to school, swimming will not be permitted until the scabs or crusts have completely healed. When the school is notified of an infectious disease all staff will be informed and advised to follow the advice as directed by the Department of Health guidelines.

HIGH TEMPERATURE

If your child has a raised temperature during any illness, please keep them at home until the temperature has been normal for at least 24 hours.

HEADLICE

Parents are reminded that they are responsible for checking their children's hair. The school no longer sends letters home if a case of head lice is confirmed. A weekly check at home is recommended. Guidelines are available on the website; Danes Hill Life; Medical Centre.

WARTS AND VERRUCAS

These are caused by a virus. Swimming is acceptable if the verruca is covered with a sturdy, waterproof dressing, however school preference is for a swim/water sock to be worn instead. Swimming is not permitted in the case of bleeding or weeping warts.

Children should not share towels, so please ensure your child has his/her own swimming kit available as often as we ask for it. If concerned, please consult your doctor or podiatrist.

CONJUNCTIVITIS

This is often contagious and must be seen by a doctor or pharmacist. In some cases discomfort is extreme and the child should remain at home until the irritation subsides. Children should not swim until the condition is completely resolved (usually 4 to 5 days) and the eyes are no longer red. Prescribed / pharmacy indicated treatment can be administered by the school nurse if needed.

THREADWORM

We will make parents aware if a case of threadworm is reported in their child's class. The main symptom of threadworm infection is local itching, particularly at night. If infestation is suspected, please consult a doctor.

IMPETIGO

This is a very contagious skin infection and must be treated by a doctor. Your child should not come to school before the lesions are crusted or healed, or 48hrs of prescribed, antibiotic treatment must have been given.

ASTHMA

It is the school policy to follow the guidelines given by the National Asthma Campaign. See the Asthma Policy.

GENERAL CONCERN

The school will undertake to inform parents wherever there is concern over any aspect of your child's health.

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