



# Greenway Primary & Nursery School



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Dear Parents/Carers,

We have recently had to send home several children due to illness so I thought it would be timely to clarify our procedures in the event of a child being unwell at school.

If a child complains of feeling unwell to a teacher or teaching assistant they are always encouraged to wait a while to see if they feel better, have a drink of water or have some quiet time sitting outside the school office and, if near break time, to have some fresh air.

The exception to this is if your child is sick or has diarrhoea at school when they must go home straight away and be off for a minimum of 48hours from the last episode.

Many of the staff are parents themselves and all of them know the children well enough to determine if they are genuinely ill for example if they are unusually quiet, tired etc. If we think that your child is ok to stay at school then we will encourage them to remain in class or advise you of this by phone, often asking parents to talk to the child, if they are old enough, to determine if they should stay or be picked up.

We fully appreciate how inconvenient it is, especially for working parents, but it is not in our interest to send a child home unnecessarily and we are also aware that often children may “perk up” when they get home. This does not mean that they are well enough to be at school as it is a very different environment and it is not fair on a child, the rest of the class or teachers to have a child complaining of feeling unwell all day!

I would appreciate your support for the teaching and office staff if you are contacted about your child being unwell.

Kind regards.

Katharine Ellwood  
Head Teacher

