

Days Lane Primary School



Policy for Pupils Returning to School after an Accident or Illness

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This policy intends to give advice to staff and parents/carers of the policies and protocols in place when a child is returning to school after a period of absence following certain illnesses or injury.

On the first day back following the absence there will be a requirement to complete a risk assessment which will be agreed by the parents/carers and school to ensure that:-

- (a) The child is fit to return to school and that the return to school presents no unavoidable dangers or hazards to them
- (b) The child is fit to return to school and their injury presents no hazard or notable risk to others

Examples of Injuries/Notifiable Diseases could be:

- Broken/sprained or damaged limbs
- Head injuries
- Return with stitches or other similar treatments
- Eye patches/restricted vision, restricted hearing
- Restricted movement, e.g. use of crutches/wheelchair, heavy plasters etc.
- Persistent respiratory or allergic difficulties
- Measles
- Rubella (German Measles)
- Scarlet Fever

Parents/Carers should:

- Inform the school in writing of any complications or restrictions on a child's return to school which should also be identified on the risk assessment completed on the first day back.

The School will:

- Inform the parents/carers by letter of the return to school policy if their child has been involved in a serious accident and their child is absent for a period of more than 5 days.
- Make the necessary provision to ensure that if necessary the agreed restrictions on the child's movements and/or activities are in place, (as on risk assessment) to ensure the safety of the child whilst in school and/or others.

- A copy of the agreed risk assessment is given to the class teacher for information and action, and it is the teacher's responsibility to inform all other teachers taking the class.
- The first aider will inform the midday meals supervisors of any restrictions that need to be in place for the safety of the child.
- Monitor the risk assessment appropriately to ensure that the decisions that were taken were the right ones in the circumstances.

The Parents/Carers/School will:

- Assess the risk assessment at the end of the review period and agree what, if any, controls need to still be in place.
- If an extension or further controls need to be in place another risk assessment will be completed and agreed by the parents and school.

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