HINGUAR PRIMARY SCHOOL

SICK CHILD POLICY

Responsible members of Staff

Mrs F Willis (Acting Headteacher)
Mrs. C. Grennan & Mrs. C. Hamblin (Appointed First Aiders)

This Policy was approved by the Governors
January 2019
This policy will be reviewed on an annual basis (updated November 2019)

“Hinguar Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff, governors and volunteers to share this commitment”.

This policy should be read in conjunction with
- the Guidance on Infection Control in Schools and other Care Settings-Health Protection Agency,
- Health and Safety
- Administration of Medicines
- Medical Procedures Policy
- and all relevant Child Care Guidance and guidance from the Department for Children, Schools and Families.
Rationale
Hinguar Primary School recognises its responsibility to promote a culture where health issues are discussed in an open and positive way. The health and well being of children is of paramount importance and this policy is based on the needs of a child becoming sick at Hinguar and to show our responsibilities and concerns over the health and well being of all our children. Children who are unwell are best cared for at home.

Purposes
· To ensure sick children are identified
· To ensure sick children are cared for appropriately
· To protect children and adults from preventable infection
· To enable staff and parents to be clear about the requirements and procedures when children are unwell

Guidelines
If a child is thought to be unwell within the school it is important to assess the condition of the child, this should be done in a kind and caring manner. The child will most likely be distressed, so it is important to be calm and reassuring. The appointed first aider will be informed of any sick child.

1. The child will be taken to the main office so that signs of illness can be checked for-
   · Skin colour abnormal.
   · Behaviour abnormal.
   · Temperature.
   · Sickness.
   · Diarrhoea.
   · Desire to sleep.
   · Other cases with the setting.

2. Staff communication is vital – other members of staff will be asked if they have noticed any signs/symptoms.

3. If the appointed first aider has any concerns and feels the parents/carers need to be informed they will phone the parents, explain their child is unwell and let them know the symptoms.

4. If a child is to be sent home a member of staff will stay with the child and make them as comfortable as possible and the parent/carer will be contacted. A Form will be completed if the child is sent home, so that the school has a record of children sent home and their symptoms.
The following guidelines are given to parents as an indicator of whether or not a child should be at school

We ask of parents/carers to co-operate with the school by keeping their child/children away from our setting if they are unwell. This does not mean that your child/children should be kept away from our setting for every snuffle or cough, but please consider if your child will be well enough to attend our setting, especially if they are suffering from;

- A high temperature
- Vomited or had diarrhoea in the last 24 hours
- Is obviously unwell and unable to enjoy a full day at school
- Or if you child has a rash or eye infection please seek medical advice from your GP before bringing your child to our setting

As parents, use your best judgment in determining your child's health. Please take your child seriously when he/she says they are not feeling well. The school adheres to the Guidance on Infection Control in Schools and other Child Care Settings-Health Protection Agency to identify recommended periods for a child to be kept away from school. These are as follows:

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<th>Condition</th>
<th>Recommended period to be kept away from school</th>
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<td>Vomiting</td>
<td>48 hours following the last bout</td>
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<tr>
<td>Diarrhoea</td>
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<td>Chickenpox</td>
<td>5 days from onset of rash.</td>
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<td>Measles/Rubella*</td>
<td>5 days from onset of rash.</td>
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<td>Mumps*</td>
<td>5 days from onset of swollen glands.</td>
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<td>Whooping cough (Pertussis)</td>
<td>5 days from commencing anti-biotics or 21 days from the onset of paroxysmal cough if no anti-biotic treatment.</td>
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<td>Ringworm of scalp</td>
<td>Until treatment is commenced by GP.</td>
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<td>Ringworm of body</td>
<td>Until treatment is commenced.</td>
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<td>Scabies</td>
<td>Child can return after first treatment.</td>
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<td>Impetigo</td>
<td>Until lesions are crusted and skin has healed</td>
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<td>Scarlet Fever*</td>
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*denotes a notifiable disease. It is a statutory requirement that doctors report this to the appropriate authority.

We appreciate your compliance with our Sick Child Policy. As always, feel free to call if you are uncertain about your child’s condition. As a general rule, if your child is not up to par due to illness, please keep your child at home.