

## **Absences**

Please contact the school by 9.00am on the first day of your child's absence. All unreported absences will be followed up to ensure the safeguarding of all our children. Absences can only be authorised by the school. Authorised absences include illness, medical appointments and other special circumstances, eg music exams and family bereavement. Other activities may be considered in light of the individual child's attendance record and the nature of the activity. Absences which would not be authorised include the following: holidays, celebrating birthdays, shopping, minding younger brothers or sisters, illness of a parent (unless serious), days out, death of a pet or being too tired.

## **Sickness and Illness**

If your child has sickness and /or diarrhoea, then they must be clear of the symptoms for 48 hours before returning to school. The guidance on sickness and diarrhoea is from the health authority and education authority, to prevent spreading this sickness to other children and staff. Low attendance won't be caused by a few days absence because of sickness.

## **Health and welfare**

It is essential for the school to be made aware of any medical conditions or problems at home that could affect your child's school life.

The School Nurse visits the school from time to time. All children are examined at least twice during their time at Primary School.

