

# Oakwood School & Assessment Centre

## Policy on Pupil Sickness

- It is the policy of Oakwood School that children with infectious illnesses such as vomiting, diarrhoea, chest or throat infections and other common childhood illnesses do not remain in school during the infectious period and remain at home for 48 hours after their last bout of illness.
  
- If a child becomes unwell during the school day the class teacher or school nurse will contact the parents to advise that the child should be sent home. The teacher will also inform the Principal or Vice-Principal.
  
- The Senior Management Team advise that teachers, acting in loco parentis, can make informed decisions about minor ailments and can act accordingly. A teacher will send a child to the nurse when she feels medical advice is required.
  
- Administration of prescribed drugs will only be carried out by the nurse.
  
- All medical procedures such as suction, tube feeding and catheters will be the responsibility of the nurse or the designated Classroom Assistant (ASEN).
  
- If, in the opinion of the nurse, a child requires hospitalisation the parents will be notified by the Principal, Vice-Principal or the class teacher. The parents will be asked to meet the child either at the hospital or at school.

To be read alongside the School Medical Policy