

What to do – advice on childhood illnesses.

Go to school; if needed get treatment as shown

Can be catching. Some restrictions for school attendance

Don't go to school and see the GP

What's it called?	What's it like?	Going to school	Getting treatment	More advice
Chicken Pox	Rash begins as small, red, flat spots that develop into itchy fluid-filled blisters	●	Pharmacy	Back to school 5 days after on-set of the rash
Common Cold	Runny nose, sneezing, sore throat	●	Pharmacy	Ensure good hand hygiene.
Conjunctivitis	Teary, red, itchy, painful eye(s)	●	Pharmacy	Try not to touch eye to avoid spreading
Flu	Fever, cough, sneezing, runny nose, headache body aches and pain, exhaustion, sore throat	●	Pharmacy	Ensure good hand hygiene
German Measles	Fever, tiredness. Raised, red, rash that starts on the face and spreads downwards	●	G.P.	Back to school 6 days from on-set of rash
Glandular Fever	High temperature, sore throat; usually more painful than any before and swollen glands	●	G.P.	Child needs to be physically able to concentrate
Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease	Fever, sore throat, headache, small painful blisters inside the mouth on tongue and gums (may appear on hands and feet)	●	G.P	Only need to stay off if feeling too ill for school
Head Lice	Itchy scalp (may be worse at night)	●	Pharmacy	Half a day's absence from school will be authorised to treat hair. Child is expected in school after treatment
Impetigo	Clusters of red bumps or blisters surrounded by area of redness	●	G.P.	Back to school when lesions crust or 48 hours

				after start of antibiotics
Measles	Fever, cough, runny nose, and watery inflamed eyes. Small red spots with white or bluish white centres in the mouth, red, blotchy rash	●	G.P.	Back to school 4 days from on-set of rash
Ringworm	Red ring shaped rash, may be itchy rash may be dry and scaly or wet and crusty	●	G.P.	Back to school once the GP has prescribed treatment. Inform the school of the infection
Scabies	Intense itching, pimple – like rash. Itching and rash may be all over the body but commonly between the fingers, wrists, elbows, arm	●	G.P.	Back to school after first treatment
Shingles	Pain, itching, or tingling along the affected nerve pathway. Blister-type rash.	●	G.P.	Only stay off school if rash is weeping and cannot be covered
Sickness bug/diarrhoea	Stomach cramps, nausea, vomiting and diarrhoea	●	Pharmacy	See GP if symptoms persist after 48 hours. Children can return to school when they have not been sick and they are feeling fit again.
Threadworm	Intense itchiness around anus	●	Pharmacy	Ensure good hand hygiene
Tonsillitis	Intense sore throat	●	Pharmacy	See GP if temperature lasts

				more than 48 hours or cannot swallow
Whooping Cough	Violent coughing, over and over, until child inhales with “whooping” sound to get air into lungs	●	G.P.	Back to school after 5 days of antibiotics or 21 days from onset of illness