



OLD TOWN INFANT SCHOOL & NURSERY

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Dear Parent/Carers

As we enter the winter months, seasonal coughs, colds and other illnesses will become more frequent as well as the continuing effects from COVID19.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind parents and carers of the actions required when a child is unwell.

Vomiting and diarrhea

If a child has sickness and/or diarrhoea, they should **not** come to school. Parents/carers should contact the school to inform them and ring the school on each day of the illness.

A child can return to school **48 hours after the last bout** of sickness or diarrhea.

Colds

If a child is poorly with symptoms of a cold such as a runny nose or sore throat, the child can come to school when they feel well enough and if they are not showing any symptoms of COVID19.

COVID19

Symptoms are a high temperature (37.8 or higher), a new continuous cough, a loss of or change in sense of taste or smell.

If showing any of these symptoms, a child should **not** come into school.

- A COVID PCR test should be obtained.
- The school should be advised of the symptoms and of the test result.
- If the result is negative, the child can return to school when they feel well enough.
- If the result is positive, the child should isolate for a minimum of 10 days and return to school when they feel better.

How to contact school

By telephone: Please call 01202 673966 option 1, (school absence line where a message can be left 24 hours a day) please state the child's name, class and full reason for absence. Stating that a child is 'unwell' is not satisfactory and parents will be contacted for more information.

By email: oldtown.absence@coastalpartnership.co.uk with full details as per telephone calls.

Attached with this letter is a guide on other common illnesses for your information.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Martine Whittle
School Operations Manager.