

Head lice

- If you are aware your child has head lice, or it is highlighted by a letter from school, please treat them (and the rest of the family) as soon as possible.
- If you receive notification that a pupil in your child's class has head lice please be vigilant and treat your child if necessary.
- If you are not sure how best to treat head lice please contact school for advice.

Medical appointments

- In order to plan efficiently in relation to lessons and staff ratios it is helpful to know if a pupil is going to be out of school for all or part of a day.
- Please inform the class teacher if you know your child has a medical appointment during a school day.
- Please make it clear if they will be in school for dinner or not.
- Please pass on relevant information that may impact on your child in school.

Post-surgery/medical intervention meetings

- If your child has any sort of intervention (e.g. surgery, limb casts, etc) please inform the class team when you think they are ready to return to school.
- A post-surgery/intervention meeting will be arranged and you will be invited to attend, along with other relevant professionals e.g. physiotherapist, paediatric homecare nurse, etc.
- A plan will be made in agreement with you as to how best to facilitate your child's return to school.

Home/school information and communication

- Please always try to give as much relevant information to school regarding your child's health and well-being, as it can have such an impact on their ability to function and learn effectively during the School day.
- We will always endeavour to give any relevant information to parents regarding a pupil's health and well-being during the school day.



Working Together to Maintain the Health and Well-Being of All

Useful information for families
with children at Glyne Gap School

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All information is on the school
Website

The purpose of this leaflet is to enable us to work together to keep pupils and staff in school as healthy and well as possible.

Illness through colds and bugs is inevitable, but if we follow a few simple guidelines we can do our best to prevent them spreading.

You will also find information about other medical/health issues so please take a few minutes to read this leaflet.

Thank you for your support in helping us to maintain as healthy a school as possible for both pupils and staff.

What do I do if my child is unwell?

- Keep them at home until they are well enough to be in school (even if your child wants to go to school).
- Telephone to let us know your child will be absent

Glyne Gap School (01424) 217720

What happens if my child is unwell in school?

- A member of staff will telephone you and ask you to arrange for them to be collected and taken home. (Please ensure that you give the class teacher up to date contact numbers, including an emergency number if you cannot be reached).
- Please accept the judgement of the staff if they think your child should not be in school.

My child has diarrhoea and/or vomiting

- Do not send your child into school for **48 hours** after the last bout of any diarrhoea or sickness, as the virus can still be passed on during this time.

My child has been prescribed antibiotics

- If your child is prescribed antibiotics do not send them into school for ***48 hours** after starting the treatment, and then only when they are well enough to return.
- *some pupils have Prophylactic antibiotics and will have an individual arrangement as part of their Healthcare management

My child has had an anaesthetic

- If your child has an anaesthetic for any reason please keep them off school for a **minimum of 24 hours or longer if advised by the consultant**

Anaesthetic affects children in different ways and the recovery times will vary. They will feel sleepier than usual and may feel sick. Please do not send your child back to school until they are fully recovered from the anaesthetic.

Health and hand washing

- Please encourage your child to wash their hands thoroughly and regularly with soap and water, especially after going to the toilet.
- This is the most efficient way of preventing the spread of bugs.

Use of creams in school

- If your child requires a cream to be used e.g. Sudocream, etc. please provide this for the class team.
- Clear instructions as to where and when the cream is required must be given to staff.

Swimming with a gastrostomy tube

- We ask that all pupils with a gastrostomy have it covered with a waterproof Tegaderm dressing whilst in the pool. These are provided by school.

Special diets

- For example dairy free, gluten free, wheat free. Please provide suitable snacks for your child in school.
- If you want your child to have a school dinner and the catering team will be required to make adjustments you will be required to complete a form and provide medical evidence for the special diet.