

NEW ONLINE HEALTH RESOURCE: when to send your child to school or nursery

Summary

Detail

New guidance has been produced in collaboration with the NHS and partners to help parents and carers decide whether to send their child to school or nursery if they are feeling unwell. The online resource provides quick access to information that will help someone identify a possible health condition from a range of symptoms and whether the child should remain at home.

The new easy-to-follow guidance lists a range of common childhood illnesses and conditions, as well as symptoms such as a high temperature and a sore throat and what these might mean. It includes details about actions to take and when a child should return to education after being treated.

Please can you share details of this website with your parents and carers and encourage them to bookmark it, so it is easy to find if ever their child becomes unwell. The website link is <https://what0-18.nhs.uk/parentscarers/child-unwell-ok-go-nurse-ryschool-1> or it can be found by searching online for 0-18 should child go to school .

Here is some suggested wording when communicating with parents/carers:

Is your child too poorly for school or nursery? New advice will help you decide

It is always a worry when a child becomes unwell, but it is not always obvious how to care for them and whether you should keep them at home. You can now find handy NHS guidance in one place online that will help you identify a possible condition, so you can decide whether to send your child to school or nursery.

On the website is a list of common childhood illnesses and conditions from conjunctivitis to head lice, as well as symptoms such as a high temperature and a sore throat and what these might mean. There is advice about what to do and when a child should return to education after being treated.

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For the attention of:

Headteacher, Administration and
Other audience: School matrons if
you have them

Phase: Nursery, Infant, Junior,
Primary (ie. schools with both
infant and junior combined),
Secondary and All-through schools
(ie. schools with both primary and
secondary combined)

Action: To share with parents and
carers

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Visit the [Should your child go to school/nursery today?](#) website at

<https://what0-18.nhs.uk/parents/carers/child-unwell-ok-go-nursery-school-1> or go online and search for 0-18 should child go to school . **Please bookmark this website so it is easy to find if ever your child becomes unwell.**

If you are unsure about a child's wellbeing, please talk to your local pharmacist, call the NHS helpline on 111, or contact your GP.

The guidance has been created by the County Council, with the NHS and local authority partners through the [Healthier Together](#) initiative, which aims to improve the health of children and young people in Dorset, Hampshire and the Isle of Wight.