Summerlea Community Primary School

Should I keep my child off school?

It can be tricky deciding whether to keep your child off school when they are unwell.

Yes, until...

- **Chicken Pox**
  (Until all blisters have crusted over).
- **Vomiting and Diarrhoea**
  (Return 48 hours from the last episode).
- **Flu-like temperature**
  (Until they no longer have a high temperature).
- **Impetigo**
  (Until their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics).
- **Measles**
  (4 days after the rash first appeared).
- **Mumps**
  (5 days after the swelling started).
- **Scabies**
  (Until they've had their first treatment).
- **Scarlet Fever**
  (24 hours after they started taking antibiotics).
- **Whooping Cough**
  (48 hours after they started taking antibiotics).

No, but inform your child's class teacher of:

- **Cough**
- **Sore throat**
  (keep off school if accompanied by a high temperature)
- **Earache**
- **Head lice**
- **Hand, foot and mouth**
- **Threadworms**
- **Glandular Fever**
- **Slapped Cheek**
- **Tonsillitis**
- **Conjunctivitis**
- **Cold sores**

For further guidance, please visit the NHS website:
https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/