

## **COMMON DISEASES - MINIMUM PERIOD OF ABSENCE**

Parents are asked to inform the school, on the first day absence, of the reason their child is unable to attend school. This enables us to keep an accurate and legal record of attendance.

The school must be informed of any infectious disease. The absolute minimum period of absence for common diseases is: -

Sickness & diarrhoea	Please keep child at home for 24 hours from last bout of illness
Measles	7 days after appearance of rash
Rubella	4 days after appearance of rash
Chicken Pox	6 days after appearance of rash
Mumps	7 days from the subsidence of the swelling
Whooping Cough	21 days from the onset of paroxysmal cough
Conjunctivitis	48 hours after appearance of "red eye"
Head Lice	Children should be treated with appropriate lotion and the school notified
Thread Worm	Children and family must be treated and school notified
Impetigo	Crusted over / not open or weeping

A child who is unfit cannot cope with a day at school, please consider carefully whether your child has fully recovered from an illness. For other conditions please contact school for advice.

If your child needs to attend for a medical appointment, please complete an absence slip in order that their class teacher can be informed. Medical absence slips are available from Coumes Office.