



Guidance on illnesses



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The Court Circular

The Head's Lines

I regularly receive updates from iPat (www.eyepat.org) about internet safety for children - and their website has



excellent advice for parents too. I would recommend you read it from time to time, particularly when your children are given email addresses or (for the older ones) when they are allowed to set up a Facebook or similar account.

Those parents who think they can just ignore age limits on these social networking sites (usually 13 or 14) are doing themselves and their children a disservice.

There are links to several child protection sites on our website.

Staff news: Mrs Robinson, who has been with us for nearly seven years now, has accepted the Head of Maths position at Feltonfleet. This is a worthy recognition of her skills and certainly is a career move in the right direction for her. Those who have been at Ripley Court for about that length of time will be delighted to hear that Mr David Barratt will be returning to Ripley Court in that role. Mr Barratt was our erstwhile maths teacher and Head of Science, and has much to offer pastorally and on the games field.

I can also confirm the worst-held secret at the school that Mr Van den Brandt has reached that time to hang up his chalks and take retirement, after some five years as our excellent Head of French. Miss Griffiths will replace him as Head of Department and I have appointed Mr Allan Hempsted to teach opposite her. Mr Hempsted is a recently qualified linguist who has just returned from a belated "gap year" in France, and

I am assured his accent is up to our exacting standards!

On the reverse you will see some new guidance on how long we require children be kept off school following illness - this has come straight from the NHS via Dr Coe, our governor, and has been placed on the website.

And finally, a few short stories...

Wanted: Man to take care of cow that does not smoke or drink.

Two antennae met on a roof, fell in love and got married. The ceremony wasn't much, but the reception was excellent.

Wanted: Mother's helper - peasant working conditions.

Headmaster's Commendations

Second Badge has been presented to James Hughes-Morgan

First Badges have been presented to Alex Craig, Tommy Hurst, Amy Marshall

Certificates have been presented to Ryan Bilger, Alex Craig, Murray Dare, Lily Galpin, Gary Hunter, Finley Marks, Matthew Martin-Winter, Lawrence Oldham, Tom Portsmouth, Sujan Rikhi and James Woellwarth

Times Tables

Certificates have been presented to the following:

Level 6 Will Farnsworth

Level 4 Isobel Eriksen

Level 3 Charlotte Farnsworth

Level 1 Freddie Buxton, Emilie Grant, Alice Moody, Genevieve O'Leary-Collins, Daniel Purves, Max Romero



Ripley Court School

50a Sick leave guidance for illness

This policy is applicable to all pupils, including those in the Early Years Foundation Stage.

The following constitutes current NHS advice as provided by Dr Coe, Ripley Court governor and GP. We do ask parents to observe these in order to avoid spreading the infection, and will refuse entry to an infected child until these criteria are met.

Children should not be brought to school within 24 hours of having a temperature, vomiting or generally feeling unwell (see additional exclusion for gastroenteritis below).

Children must be absent for 5 days:

From rash onset CHICKENPOX, GERMAN MEASLES {Rubella}, MEASLES

From starting antibiotics WHOOPING COUGH, SCARLET FEVER

From onset of swollen glands MUMPS

Children must be absent until 24 hours after the last symptom:

SALMONELLA, SHIGELLA, GIARDIASIS

Children must stay away until the lesions have crusted or healed:

IMPETIGO

Children must stay away until these infections are properly treated:

SCABIES

GASTROENTERITIS: Children should not attend school until at least **48 hours** after last episode diarrhoea / vomiting. Children should not swim in swimming pool until **2 weeks** after last episode of diarrhoea.

Children may come to school with these conditions, providing they feel well enough and have no elevated temperature:

SLAPPED CHEEK DISEASE {Parvovirus}, CONJUNCTIVITIS, GLANDULAR FEVER, HEAD LICE, THREAD WORM, COLD SORES, MOLLUSCUM CONTAGIOSUM, ATHLETES FOOT, WARTS AND VERRUCAE (swim sock will be required), THREAD WORM, ROSEOLA

HAND FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE: Infected children should be excluded while they are unwell. Providing the child is well he/she can return to school prior to the disappearance of the last blisters.