**Autumn Term Update 2019**

**Common medical needs to monitor**

As a community we are aware of the need to work together to limit the spread of some common conditions. I hope that the following information will reassure you. If you do have any questions or queries about any information below please do not hesitate to speak with me directly.

Wishing you and your child a very healthy and happy school year.

Mrs Mannix

**There is a full list of medical conditions attached which is also on our website.**

One of the inevitable parts of being around lots of children in school is the spread of childhood infections. Most of us know what measles and chicken pox look like when they appear as spots and have some idea that they can start with headaches or temperature. We also know that whilst it can be an inconvenience to have these illnesses as a young child it is also better to experience them as a child rather than later in life.

If your child has chicken pox or you suspect that they have chicken pox please notify the school immediately so that we can let all adults know, due to the danger to expectant mums.

Between the age of 6 and 11 children lose their milk teeth. Helping your child realise that it is a very natural part of growing up is really helpful as it makes them less worried when it does start to happen.

Head lice. By doing a do a regular check of your child’s hair you may get through their school life without having any life head lice. Do this by adding lots of condition to your child’s hair and comb through with a head lice comb. Unlike dry scalp, eggs stick to the hair and are usually just off the scalp.

If your child does have head lice then a single treatment shampoo bought from Tesco or the chemist should resolve the issue. Please do notify the office if your child has head lice so that we can send an email to all parents which helps the checking and reduction of any spreading.

Again if your child has a verruca, which are very often picked up from swimming pools, let school know so that practical actions can be taken to limit any spreading.

Many parents are not so aware of thread worm. These are tiny, tiny white worms that literally look like threads of cotton, hence the name. In school we constantly wash hands and at the end of each day all hard surfaces are washed with disinfectant and carpet surfaces are vacuumed. During the summer holiday we had a deep clean right across school. We have also begun to wipe the baskets and bowls of loose parts in classrooms to limit the possibility of such infections being passed.

A child who has a tummy bug which results in sickness and or diarrhoea should not return to school for 48hrs after their last episode of sickness.