



Haydn Primary and Nursery School

Children Returning to School after an Accident, Surgery or Serious Illness Policy 2026

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Children returning to school after an accident, surgery or serious illness

This policy is to give advice to staff and parents/carers of the procedures in place when a child is returning to school after a period of absence following certain illnesses or injury.

Prior to or, at the latest, on the first day back following absence there will be a requirement to complete a risk assessment which will be agreed by the parents/carers and the school to ensure that the child is fit to return to school and that the return to school presents no unavoidable dangers or hazards to themselves or to others. A review date will be set.

Examples of injuries / notifiable diseases could be:

- Broken / sprained or damaged limbs
- Head injuries
- Return with stitches or other similar treatments
- Eye patches / restricted vision / restricted hearing
- Restricted movement, e.g. use of crutches/wheelchair, heavy plasters etc.
- Persistent respiratory or allergic difficulties
- Surgery

Parents/Carers must:

- Give adequate notice of the return to school in order to arrange for the completion of a risk assessment prior to starting back (preferably in person in school)
- Inform the school in writing of any complications or restrictions on a child's return to school. This should then be identified on the risk assessment completed on the first day back.

The school will:

- Inform the parents/carers of the return to school policy if their child has been involved in a serious accident/had surgery or a serious illness and their child is absent for a period of more than 5 days.
- Make the necessary provision to ensure that if necessary the agreed restrictions on the child's movements and/or activities are in place in line with the risk assessment to ensure the safety of the child and/or others in school.
- Share a copy of the agreed risk assessment with all teaching and support staff, including midday supervisors.

- The risk assessment will be monitored to ensure that the decisions taken are adequate.

Parents/carers and the school will:

- Assess the level of risk at the end of the review period and agree what, if any, controls need to remain in place.
- If necessary, extend or amend measures and revise the risk assessment as agreed by the parents and the school, and agreed a new review date.