

### Infection/Illness Exclusion Periods Procedure

This Policy document should be read in conjunction with the Nursery **Infection Control & Medication Policy**. It is a guide for staff and parents/carers on the exclusion periods applicable to the Nursery and follows the **'Health Protection in Schools and other Childcare Facilities'** produced by **Public Health England**. The final decision on exclusion periods will be taken by the Nursery Manager/Deputy on consideration of the situation, and the Nursery retains the right to refuse admission to a child who is unwell or potentially infectious. This is a non-negotiable right retained by the Nursery.

Illness or Infection	Minimum Exclusion Periods	Comments
<b>ANTIBIOTICS PRESCRIBED</b>	24 hours from first dose	(unless accompanied by GP's note stating otherwise)
<b>CHICKEN POX</b>	5/7 days from onset of rash or until lesions have crusted over	
<b>COLD SORES, (Herpes simplex)</b>	Cold sores, (Herpes simplex)	Avoid kissing and contact with the sores. Cold sores are generally mild and self-limiting
<b>CONJUNCTIVITIS</b>	NONE - No exclusion but necessary to seek medical advice from pharmacist or Doctor	If an outbreak or cluster occurs, consult local HPT
<b>DIARRHOEA/SICKNESS (including viral infections such as norovirus)</b>	Whilst symptomatic and 48 hours from last episode of Diarrhoea/Sickness	
<b>FOOD POISONING (confirmed case) *</b>	48 hours from last episode of Diarrhoea/Sickness. Further exclusion may be required for some children until they are no longer excreting.	
<b>GERMAN MEASLES (RUBELLA) *</b>	4 days from onset of rash	
<b>HAND, FOOT AND MOUTH</b>	No exclusion period	Contact local HPT if large numbers of children are affected.
<b>HEAD OR BODY LICE</b>	No exclusion period	Treatment is required where live lice have been seen
<b>IMPETIGO</b>	Until lesions are crusted or healed or 48 hours after starting antibiotic treatment	Antibiotic treatment speeds healing and reduces the infectious period
<b>MEASLES *</b>	4 days from onset of rash and recovered	
<b>MUMPS *</b>	5 days after onset of swelling	
<b>SCARLET FEVER</b>	Exclude until 24hrs of appropriate treatment is completed	A person is infectious for 2-3 weeks if antibiotics are not administered. In the event of 2 or more cases contact local HPT
<b>SLAPPED CHEEK</b>	No exclusion period (once rash has appeared)	
<b>WARTS OR VERUCAE</b>	No exclusion but should be treated and covered.	
<b>WHOOPING COUGH *</b>	2 days from starting antibiotic treatment or 21 days from onset of illness if no antibiotic treatment	

\* Denotes a Notifiable Disease

The above guidelines must be followed. A copy will be included in the Parents/carers Handbook, displayed on the Office and the Parents/carers Notice Boards and be retained in the Policies and Procedures file. If an outbreak of an infectious/notifiable disease occurs, we will contact our local PHE Infection Control Unit and follow their advice and guidance.

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