



Sickness Exclusion Policy

Quick Reference Table

The following table is a quick reference of parents regarding the Exclusion procedures for illness / communicable diseases at our nurseries.

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Disease/Illness	Minimal exclusion period
Diarrhoea and/or vomiting	48 hours from episode of diarrhoea or vomiting
E. Coli 0157 VTEC	Exclusion is important for young children
Typhoid fever and Paratyphoid	Until declared free from infection from the appropriate public health official.
Shigella (dysentery)	48 hours from episode of diarrhoea or vomiting
Respiratory Infections	
Flu (influenza)	Until full recovery
Tuberculosis	Until declared free from infection from the appropriate public health official.
Whooping Cough (pertussis)	48 hours from commencing antibiotic treatment, or 21 days from onset of illness is non antibiotic treatment
Rashes and skin Infections	
Athletes Foot	None, Treatment is required
Chicken Pox	Until all vesicles are scabbed over
Cold Sores	None

Disease/Illness	Minimal exclusion period
German Measles (Rubella)	4 days from onset of rash
Hand, foot and mouth	3-5 days from onset of spots or until spots are all scabbed over
Impetigo	Until lesions are crusted or healed or 48 hours after commencing antibiotic treatment
Molluscum Contagiosum	None
Ringworm	None
Threadworms	None
Roseola (Infantum)	None
Scabies	Can return after first treatment
Scarlet fever	24 hours from the first administration of treatment
Slapped Cheek/Fifth Disease Parvovirus B19	None
Shingles	Exclusion only if rash is weeping and cannot be covered
Warts and Verruca's	None, but should be treated and covered
Other Infections	
Conjunctivitis	Treatment required, can return once eyes are free from mucus
Diphtheria	Exclusion is important, consult with public health official
Glandular Fever	48 hours from the first administration of treatment
Headlice	Treatment required, can return when the head is free from lice
Hepatitis A	7 days after onset of symptoms, such as jaundice
Hepatitis B and C	As per official medical advice
HIV/AIDS	As per official medical advice
Meningococcal Meningitis/Septicaemia	Until full recovery
Meningitis due to other bacteria	Until full recovery

Disease/Illness	Minimal exclusion period
Meningitis Viral	As per official medical advice
MRSA	As per official medical advice
Mumps	7 days from onset of swelling
Tonsillitis	48 hours from the first administration of treatment
Other exclusions in Nursery	
Prescribed antibiotics	48 hours
Temperature	Child must have normal temperature for 24 hours before returning
Food Poisoning	48 hours from episode of diarrhoea or vomiting
Infective Hepatitis	7 days from onset of jaundice
Poliomyelitis	Until declared free from infection by appropriate public health official
Thrush	48 hours from the first administration of treatment
Broken bones	Follow parents' wishes

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