

Exclusion Time Policy for Illnesses and Medical Conditions

This policy is implemented throughout the school and nursery and is made available to parents on the website. It is reviewed regularly by the SMT in line with current NHS guidance to ensure it remains up to date.

Some illnesses and conditions require a period of exclusion from school or nursery to ensure that the child is well enough to return and to prevent the spread of contagious illnesses to other children and staff. The below table acts as a set of guidelines that parents should follow, however, managers can exercise discretion and may ask for a child to be off school or nursery for longer than the stated times if they feel the child is not ready to return.

In the case of a child being prescribed antibiotics for any condition, they must have had the antibiotics for at least 24 hours before returning to school or nursery.

| CONDITION | EXCLUSION TIME |
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| Allergic reactions | Manager's discretion depending on severity and history of reactions in the child |
| Chicken pox | Scabbed over and feeling well (usually at least 5-6 days from onset) |
| Ear infections | Feeling well |
| Eye disorders (conjunctivitis) | Feeling well |
| Flu | Fully recovered |
| Gastroenteritis, sickness and diahorrea | 48 hours after last incidence |
| Hand, foot and mouth | Feeling well |
| Headlice | Until treated |
| Herpes Simplex (coldsore) | No exclusion period - treatment likely to be given by GP/pharmacist |
| High temperature | Manager's discretion - paracetamol may be given and parents must be contactable by phone |
| Impetigo | Scabs crushed and/or 48 hours after starting antibiotics |
| Meningitis | Until treated and medical professional has agreed child is fully recovered |
| Mumps | 5 days after onset |
| Rashes | Manager's discretion - may ask for medical diagnosis or advice |
| Ringworm | Once treatment has been started |
| Rubella and Measles | At least 4 days after rash appears and feeling well |
| Scarlet fever | 24 hours after starting treatment |
| Slapped Cheek | No exclusion period |
| Threadworms | No exclusion period |
| Tonsillitis | Feeling well |
| Whooping cough | 48 hours after starting antibiotics and feeling well or 21 days after onset if no antibiotics |