EXCLUSION TIME POLICY FOR ILLNESSES AND MEDICAL CONDITIONS

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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 (written in line with current NHS guidance) is 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
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
Conjunctivitis	Feeling well
Flu	Fully recovered
Gastroenteritis, sickness and diarrhoea	48 hours after last incidence
Hand, foot and mouth	Feeling well
Headlice	Once treated
Herpes Simplex (cold sores)	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 crusted and 48 hours after starting antibiotics
Meningitis	Once medical professional has agreed child can return
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 5 days after rash appears and feeling well
Scarlet fever	24 hours after starting antibiotics
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