



## Absence and Infectious Diseases Policy

Please find below guidance regarding infectious diseases and attendance at school.

Infection or Complaint	Recommended Period of Exclusion	Comments
Chicken Pox	Until all vesicles (spots) have crusted over.	Please inform school if your child is infected with one of these rashes, as there are potential risks to female staff (during pregnancy) and to vulnerable children.
German Measles	4 days from onset of rash.	
Measles	7 days from onset of rash.	
Slapped cheek/Parvovirus	None (once rash has developed).	
Covid-19	Children & adults: if symptomatic, get PCR testing ASAP. If positive, isolate for 10 days from onset of symptoms. If negative, return to school when well.	Ring school to report absence. Notify of results.
Hand, Foot and Mouth	None	
Infective Jaundice	7 days from onset of jaundice.	
Mumps	5 days after onset of swelling.	
Impetigo	Until lesions are crusted and healed or 48 hours after starting antibiotics.	
Flu	Until recovered.	Please inform school due to risks for vulnerable children.
Whooping Cough (Pertussis)	21 days from onset of paroxysmal cough.	
Scabies	Child can return after first treatment.	
Conjunctivitis	24 hours.	
Diarrhoea or vomiting	24 hours from last episode.	

Scarlet Fever	Child can return 24 hours after starting antibiotic treatment.	
Diphtheria	Exclusion is essential. Consult with local HPT.	
Glandular Fever	Until certified well.	
Meningitis	Until recovered.	
Gastro-enteritis Food Poisoning Salmonella Dysentery	48 hours or until certified well by a doctor.	
Antibiotics	First 24 hours.	After the first 24 hours, the child may attend school. Please refer to our <a href="#">Medicine Policy</a> .

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