

Exclusion Procedure For Illness/Communicable Disease

Minimum Periods of Exclusion from Nursery

<i>Disease/Illness</i>	<i>Minimal Exclusion Period</i>
Any prescribed medicine or cream	48 hours to allow the time to take effect. Only return to nursery if they are well enough to do so.
Temperature	Parents will be contacted when child's temperature is at 38. If this raises to 39 child will be sent home. If sent home ill, child must be off for 24 hours.
Vomiting	If sent home ill, child must be off for 48 hours from last bout.
Conjunctivitis (viral / bacterial) Eye Infections	Keep at home for a minimum of 48 hours, longer if eyes still weeping. Children are not allowed to attend nursery whilst eye has green/yellow discharge.
Diarrhoea	48 hours from last bout
Chickenpox	7-10 days from appearance of the rash
Gastro-enteritis, food poisoning, salmonellosis and dysentery	5-7 days until child is well
Croup	5-7 days or until well
Infective hepatitis	7 days from onset of jaundice
Measles	7 days from appearance of the rash
Meningococcal infection	Until recovered from the illness
Mumps	Until the swelling has subsided and in no case less than 7 days from onset of illness
Pertussis (whooping cough)	21 days from the onset of paroxysmal cough
Poliomyelitis	Until declared free from infection by District Community Physician
Scarlet fever and streptococcal infection of the throat (tonsillitis)	Until appropriate medical treatment has been given and in no case for less than 5 days from the start of treatment
Tuberculosis	Until declared free from infection by the District Community Physician
Typhoid fever	Until declared free from infection by the District Community Physician
Impetigo	48 hours or until skin is healed. If there is severe or numerous cases in the nursery it will be 7 days.
Pediculosis (lice)	Until appropriate treatment has been given
Plantar warts	No exclusion. Should be treated and covered
Ringworm of scalp	Until cured
Ringworm of body	Seldom necessary to exclude provided treatment is being given
Scabies	Need not be excluded once appropriate treatment has been given
Hand foot and mouth	Until spots have disappeared.
Thrush	48 hours. If there is severe or numerous cases in the nursery it will be 7 days.
Slap cheek	3-4 days or until child is well
Rashes	Children known to have a rash, or to be suffering from non-specific virus will not be allowed to attend the nursery without first having received medical advice and a written doctors letter.
Coughs and colds	Providing children are ok in themselves then they are fine to attend nursery as normal.

Parent/carers will always be contacted if a child has vomited or has two diarrhea nappies and asked to collect their child. It is the nursery policy to encourage and promote good health and hygiene for all the children in our care. This includes monitoring the children for signs and symptoms of communicable diseases such as chickenpox, measles, mumps, rubella, meningitis, hepatitis, diarrhea, vomiting and fevers of 101F/38C or over.

With the welfare of the sick child in mind and in the interests of the remaining children in the nursery, if in the opinion of the staff a child is ill, then the parent/carer will be contacted and requested to collect him/her as soon as possible.

The staff of the nursery must be convinced that the child has returned to good health before re-admitting them.