

Infection Control Chart & Nursery Policy:

These are the guidelines for schools and nurseries throughout the County. If you have any queries please contact:

The Local Health Protection Unit (HPU) Tele: 0844 225 3550

We appreciate that for working parents the exclusion periods can cause problems, however these are necessary to prevent the spread of illness. We are happy to advice on the exclusion periods.

Rashes and skin infections	Period to be kept away from nursery/school or child minder	Comments
Athlete's foot	None	
Chickenpox	5 days from onset of rash.	See vulnerable children and pregnant staff.
Cold sores (herpes simplex)	None	
German Measles (Rubella)*	6 days from onset of rash.	See pregnant staff.
Hand, foot and Mouth (Coxsackievirus)	None If large number of children affected HPU will be contacted- exclusion may be considered in some circumstances.	
Impetigo	Until lesions are crusted and healed or 48 hours after commencing antibiotic treatment.	
Measles*	4 days from onset of rash.	See Vulnerable children and pregnant staff.
Molluscum contagiosum	None	
Ring worm	None	Treatment is required
Roseola (infantum)	None	
Scabies	Treatment is required prior to attending.	Household and close contacts require treatment
Scarlet Fever*	Child can return 24 hours after commencing treatment	
Slapped cheek/ fifth disease. Parvovirus B19	None	See vulnerable children and pregnant staff.
Shingles	Exclude only if rash is weeping and cannot be covered.	Can cause chicken pox in those who are not immune, spread by very close contact and touch. See vulnerable children /pregnant staff.

Diarrhoea and Vomiting Illness		
Diarrhoea and or vomiting	Children must not attend for 48 hours from the last episode of diarrhoea or vomiting (not including the day of illness)	Babies/Children will be sent home immediately if they have been sick. Babies/Children will be sent home after more than 2 bouts of diarrhea.
E.coli * 0157 VTEC Typhoid* (and paratyphoid) (enteric fever) Shingella (dysentery)	As above Contact HPU and Environmental health for advice	Further exclusion may be necessary for under 5's.
Cryptosporiosis	Children must not attend for 48 hours from the last episode of diarrhoea or vomiting (not including the day of sick of illness)	Exclude from swimming for up to 2 weeks
Respiratory Infections		
Colds	Child must be well enough to fully participate in all daily activities.	
Flu (influenza)	Until fully recovered	See also: vulnerable children. During group outbreaks children should be excluded immediately after their symptoms begin.
Tuberculosis*	Contact HPU	Requires prolonged close contact to spread
Whooping cough* (pertusis)	Exclude until 5 days after start of antibiotics or 21 days from onset of illness if no antibiotic treatment.	HPU will organize any contact tracing necessary.
Other Infections		
Conjunctivitis	Treatment is required prior to attending if conjunctivitis confirmed by GP.	Minor stickiness-Staff will bathe eyes twice in two hour period or intermittently throughout the day before ringing parents to arrange a Dr's appointment.

Threadworms	None. Treatment is recommended for the child and household contacts.	
Verrucae	None. Lesions should be covered with a plaster or latex sock for swimming.	
Mumps	Exclude until 5 days from onset of swollen glands.	
Meningoccal meningitis/septicemia	Exclude until recovered.	
Meningitis due to other bacteria	Exclude until recovered.	
Meningitis(viral)	None	
Headlice	None A child will only be excluded as a last resort if treatment is not being undertaken. Contacts-parent/guardian should be informed to examine other family members for lice and treat appropriately. Regular combing should be carried out.	

Please Note:

The nursery may exclude a child with any of the above to prevent epidemics occurring.

IN ALL CASES IF A CHILD IS NOT FIT TO ATTEND NURSERY THEY SHOULD STAY AT HOME UNTIL FULLY RECOVERED (REGARDLESS OF THE EXCLUSION PERIOD).

We may have vulnerable children /staff within the nursery setting, if unsure please contact the nursery.