

COMMON INFECTIOUS DISEASES & CONDITIONS POLICY



Please inform the school office at the earliest opportunity if your child is diagnosed with anything infectious.

Following an illness or condition that requires a certification from a doctor indicating child is free from disease/infection, please go directly to school office with correct paperwork.

The incubation periods for children suffering from certain illnesses and conditions are given below. The isolation/exclusion guidelines should be followed in all cases:

- **Fever (above 38C/100.4F)**
No return to school until a full 24 hours after the last high temperature recorded.
- **Vomiting**
No return to school until a full 24 hours after the last time child vomitted.
- **Diarrhoea**
No return to school until a full 24 hours after the last loose stool recorded.
- **Chickenpox. (11 - 21 day incubation period.)**
Isolation/exclusion until all scabs are completely dry.
- **Fifth Disease. (4 - 14 days incubation period.)**
No return to school for a minimum of 5 days after appearance of rash.
- **German Measles. (14 - 21 day incubation period.)**
Isolation/exclusion for 4 days from the appearance of rash.
- **Hand, Foot, Mouth Disease. (4 - 7 day incubation period.)**
Isolation/exclusion until all sores have healed.
- **Measles. (10 - 14 day incubation period.)**
Isolation/exclusion for 4 days from the appearance of rash.
- **Mumps. (14 - 25 day incubation period.)**
Isolation/exclusion for five days after appearance of swollen glands.
- **Bacillary Dysentery. (1 - 7 day incubation period.)**
Isolation/exclusion as advised by a doctor. No return to school until 48 hours after the last episode of diarrhoea and/or vomiting.
- **Cholera. (1 - 5 day incubation period.)**
Isolation/exclusion until certified free from infection.
- **Conjunctivitis.**
Isolation/exclusion 1 - 12 day until treatment has commenced, discharge from eyes has ceased, and eyes are back to normal.
- **Diphtheria. (2 - 7 day incubation period.)**
Isolation/exclusion until certified free from infection.
- **Impetigo.**
Isolation/exclusion until treatment has commenced, all sores must be completely covered with waterproof dressing until they have healed.
- **Meningococcal Infection. (2 - 10 day incubation period.)**
Isolation/exclusion until treatment completed and certified free from infection.

- ***Pediculosis (Head Lice)*.***
Isolation/exclusion until treatment has started.
**There is no hair lice product that kills 100% of eggs (nits) in one treatment. All eggs and lice must be removed before your child returns to school and a further treatment applied after seven days.*
When your child returns to school they must be checked before going to class.
- ***Poliomyelitis. (3 – 35 day incubation period.)***
Isolation/exclusion for 10 – 14 days. Return only when certified free from infection.
- ***Rubella. (14 - 23 incubation period.)***
Isolation/exclusion for minimum 7 days from the appearance of rash.
- ***Scarlet Fever. (1 – 7 day incubation period.)***
Isolation/exclusion for 24 hours after commencing antibiotic treatment.
- ***Tuberculosis. (2 – 12 weeks incubation period)***
Isolate/exclude until certified free from infection.
- ***Typhoid & Paratyphoid Fever. (1 - 21 incubation period.)***
Isolation/exclusion whilst fever and diarrhoea present. Return only when until blood test is clear, or tests on three stool samples taken at 48-hour intervals have shown that the bacteria are no longer present.
- ***Viral Gastroenteritis.***
Isolation/exclusion for 1 - 10 days. No return to school until 48 hours after the last episode of diarrhoea and/or vomiting.
- ***Viral Hepatitis. (15 – 50 days incubation period.)***
Isolation/exclusion until certified free from infection.
- ***Whooping Cough. (7 - 10 day incubation period.)***
Isolation/exclusion for 5 days start of antibiotic treatment. If no treatment is given, a 21 days isolation/exclusion period from the start of any cough. Return only when certified as free from infection.
- ***Verrucae Sores.***
Sores must be covered at all times. Waterproof protection must be used before participation in any aquatic activity.