

## **COMMON INFECTIOUS DISEASES & CONDITIONS POLICY**

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**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 37.8C/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/Rubella. (14 - 23 day incubation period.)***  
Isolation/exclusion for 7 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 7 days from the appearance of rash.
- ***Mumps. (14 - 25 day incubation period.)***  
Isolation/exclusion for 7 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.
- **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 perion.)**  
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.