

Illness and Exclusion for Communicable Diseases

Infection can be spread within Pre-School very easily, but by using infection control practices and procedures, action can be taken which will minimise its spread.

- If a child is unwell they should NOT be at Pre-School, not only to minimise the risk of infection spreading but also because of the constant nursing and attention that may be required.
- If a child becomes unwell whilst in Pre-School's care, parents will be asked to come and collect their child. The child will be allowed to rest away from other children and looked after until their parent arrives to collect them.
- We reserve the right to send a child home if we consider them to be unfit to be at the setting.

Recommended Periods For Exclusion	
Illness/Infection	May return
Chickenpox	Minimum of 5 days from onset of the rash as long as blisters are crusted/healed and the child feels well
Conjunctivitis	We prefer you not to bring your child in if their eyes have weepiness/discharge.
Diarrhoea and vomiting	48 hours from last incident of vomiting or diarrhoea
German Measles	Minimum of five days from onset of the rash
Head Lice	After treatment (A parent will be asked to take a child home if live lice are found)
High temperature	24 hours since fever
Impetigo	Once the lesions are crusted/healed and the child feels well
Measles	Minimum of five days from onset of the rash
Mumps	When the swelling has gone down (approx. 10 days)
Scarlet Fever	24 hours from starting antibiotic treatment
Taking antibiotics	24 hours from starting antibiotic treatment

Communicable Diseases:

We will always advise parents when a case of a communicable disease has been reported to us or when there are cases in the local area.

Pandemics: In the case of a pandemic, we will follow local authority guidelines and advise parents of the minimum exclusion period.