

Medication and Illness Policy

Here is the nursery exclusion list for communicable diseases:

Common cold	No exclusion required.
Chicken Pox	A minimum of 5 days from onset to rash – all spots MUST be dried and scabbed over before the child can return to nursery. Please note that in some cases this may take longer than 5 days.
Conjunctivitis	Exclude until 24 hours after treatment has commenced and discharge from the eye has ceased.
Diarrhoea and vomiting	48 hours after LAST vomiting episode or loose bowel movement. Children will be sent home from nursery after 3 episodes of diarrhoea or one episode of vomiting.
Diphtheria	Exclude until medical certificate of recovery is received following at least 2 negative swabs.
Fifth disease (Slap Cheek)	Exclude until fever and malaise have gone. Alert any women who are pregnant.
Hand, Foot and Mouth	All blisters MUST be dried and scabbed over before the child can return to nursery. Please note that in some cases this may take longer than 5 days.
Herpes (cold sores)	Young children unable to comply with good hygiene practices should be excluded while the lesion is weeping.
Impetigo	Exclude until appropriate treatment has commenced. Sores on exposed surfaces must be covered with a watertight dressing.
Measles	Exclude for at least 4 days after onset of rash.
Meningococcal infection	Exclude until adequate eradication therapy has been completed.

Mumps	Exclude for 9 days or until the swelling goes down.
Ringworm, Scabies, Head lice	Re-admit the day after the appropriate treatment has commenced.
Rubella (German Measles)	Exclude until fully recovered or for at least 4 days after the onset of rash.
Salmonella	Exclude until diarrhoea ceases.
Streptococcal infection (including Scarlet Fever)	Exclude until the child has received antibiotic treatment for at least 24 hours and the child feels well.
Whooping cough	Exclude for 5 days after starting antibiotic treatment.
Antibiotics	Each time a child has a new prescription for antibiotics they will not be able to attend the nursery until 24 hours after the first dose. This is in case there is a reaction to the medicine.
Antibiotic eye drops	Please note that in the case of or cream prescribed for the treatment of conjunctivitis the first dose must be administered at home. Children may then attend the nursery as usual.
Antibiotic cream prescribed for the treatment of skin conditions	Where the first dose must be applied at home. Children may then attend the nursery as usual providing that the exclusion period for the condition has been observed where necessary