

Childhood illnesses & Exclusion Period

Rash/Infection/ Virus	Exclusion Period
Temperature	If temperature is higher than 37.8C temp must come down before coming in.
Chicken Pox	Until ALL spots have crusted over
Cold or Flu	Until recovered – No Temp and well within themselves
Conjunctivitis	None
Cold sores, (Herpes simplex)	None
Hand, Foot and Mouth	None
Headlice	None as long as treatment has started
Impetigo	Until lesions are crusted and healed, or 48 hours after commencing antibiotic treatment
Measles and German Measles (Rubella)	Four days from onset of rash
Mumps	None
Meningitis	Until recovered
Ringworm	Exclusion not usually required, but treatment required
Slapped cheek	None once rash has developed
Scarlet fever	Child can return 24 hours after commencing appropriate antibiotic treatment
Strep A	until they no longer have a fever and have taken antibiotics for at least 12 hours.
Shingles	Exclude only if rash is weeping and cannot be covered
Scabies	Child can return after first treatment. Household and close contacts require treatment
Tonsillitis	None – No Temp and well within themselves
Threadworms	None
Vomiting and/or Diarrhoea	48 hours from last episode of diarrhoea or vomiting
Warts/ Verrucae	None
Whooping cough	48 hours from commencing antibiotic treatment, or 21 days from onset of illness if no antibiotic treatment

These exclusion periods are guidelines only and individual cases may be assessed at the discretion of the manager when there is an outbreak.