



Exclusion Policy for Sickness & Communicable Diseases

<i>Disease/Illness</i>	<i>Minimal Exclusion Period</i>
Antibiotics prescribed	First dose of medicine at home, must be off for 24 hours unless had previously with no reaction
Temperature	If sent home ill, child must be off for 24 hours
Vomiting	If sent home ill, child must be off for 48 hours
Conjunctivitis	Until obtained eye drops from doctor or pharmacist
Diarrhoea	48 hours after last loose stool or until 3 clear nappies
Chickenpox	5 days from appearance of the rash or until spots have dried
Gastro-enteritis, food poisoning, salmonellosis and dysentery	Until authorised by District Community Physician
Threadworms	None. Treatment recommended
Measles	5 days from appearance of the rash
Meningococcal infection	Until recovered from the illness
Mumps	Until the swelling has subsided and in no case less than 7 days from onset of illness
Pertussis (whooping cough)	21 days from the onset of paroxysmal cough
Poliomyelitis	Until declared free from infection by District Community Physician
Scarlet fever and streptococcal infection of the throat	5 days after commencing antibiotics.
Tuberculosis	Until declared free from infection by the District Community Physician
Typhoid fever	Until declared free from infection by the District Community Physician
Impetigo	Until the lesions are crust or healed
Pediculosis (lice)	Until appropriate treatment has been given
Plantar warts	No exclusion. Should be treated and covered
Ringworm of scalp	Until treatment commenced.
Ringworm of body	Seldom necessary to exclude provided treatment is being given
Scabies	Need not be excluded once appropriate treatment has been given
Hand foot and mouth	None. Exclusion may be considered in some circumstances.
Fifth disease / slapped cheek	None.

Shingles	Excluded only if rash is weeping and can not be covered.
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