

6a. COMMUNICABLE DISEASES AND EXCLUSION TIMESCALES

NOTICE TO PARENTS: Our recommended minimum exclusion days are:

CHICKEN POX	A minimum of 5 days from onset of rash. Until blisters are all crusted, or skin has healed.
CONJUNCTIVITIS	In severe cases only, until infection has cleared.
DIARRHOEA AND/OR VOMITING	For 48 hours from the last episode.
GERMAN MEASLES/RUBELLA	For nine days (or more if advised by your GP) Minimum of 6 days after rash appears.
HAND, FOOT AND MOUTH	A minimum of 5 days from when spots appear and whilst child is unwell.
HEAD LICE	No Exclusion - but treatment must be carried out successfully.
IMPETIGO	Until 48 hours after starting antibiotic treatment and until lesions are crusted and healed.
MEASLES	For four days after onset of rash.
MUMPS	For five days (after onset of swollen glands).
RINGWORM	When treatment has commenced.
SCABIES	Child can return after first treatment has been completed.
SCARLET FEVER	For a minimum of 24 hours after commencement of appropriate antibiotic treatment.
SLAPPED CHEEK	Child can return once the rash has developed, providing they are well.
WHOOPING COUGH	5 days from start of antibiotic treatment or 21 days from onset of illness if no antibiotic treatment prescribed by doctor.
STREP A	For 24 hours after the first dose of antibiotics has been taken
CORONAVIRUS	As per the guidance from Public Health England, UKHSA and Government guidance "People with symptoms of a respiratory infection including Covid-19" A minimum of 3 full days following a confirmed positive result or onset of symptoms. The child can return on day 4 as long as they are well and have maintained a temperature below 37.8 for 24 hours.
ANTIBIOTICS	The first dose of all antibiotics MUST be given to the child at home by the parent/ carer. If this is the first time the child has been given this type of antibiotic children must be excluded from Nursery for the first 12 hours, MEDICATION MUST BE PRESCRIBED TO BE ADMINISTERED (please refer to our medication policy)
A TEMPERATURE (or if an emergency fever reducer is administered)	Until temperature is normal for 24 hours or on the advice of a doctor We strongly recommend routine temperature checks before returning and advise parents not to bring back a child too soon. If a temperature above 37.8 returns the exclusion process will recommence as per the government guidance.
ADMINISTRATION OF CALPOL/NUROFEN	Children will not be admitted to nursery on the same day after receiving a dose of either of these medications (or medication of a similar nature). It is essential parents inform the nursery should their child have had such medication administered.
IMMUNISATION	Children should not return to nursery for 24 hours after receiving a dose of their immunisations. (This also applies to the Nasal Flu Vaccine due to containing live forms of the virus) If a fever does develop, the child will be excluded from nursery until their temperature has been consistently below 37.8 for a 24-hour period. The child can then return to nursery providing they are not suffering from any other communicable disease and evidence has been provided confirming the immunisation and the date administered.
BOOSTER IMMUNISATION	Children should not return to nursery on the same day they have received their booster immunisation as these contain a small part of the bacterium or virus that causes a disease
Allergy Testing	If a child is undergoing allergy testing it is the discretion of the manager if they can return to nursery on the same day as the tests are carried out.

Colds do not normally require exclusion unless they are severe or the child is distressed (this includes conjunctivitis), children should not be at nursery if they are not well enough to take part in everyday activities (this includes outdoor play, 1 to 1 attention, any special arrangements to care due to illness)

Please note this list is not exhaustive and the **advice** is taken from the **Guidance** for Schools and Nurseries from the Health Protection Agency and Public Health England. Please seek medical advice if you are unsure or concerned.

WHERE THERE IS MORE THAN ONE CASE OF ANY ILLNESS THE EXCLUSION PERIOD WILL BE REVIEWED BY THE CLUB MANAGER TO AID THE CONTROL OF INFECTION. THE NURSERY HAS THE RIGHT TO REFUSE ADMISSION TO A CHILD WHO IS UNWELL. THIS DECISION WILL BE TAKEN BY THE MANAGER ON DUTY AND IS NON-NEGOTIABLE.