

Infectious Disease

These guidelines have been adopted from the National Health and Medical Research Foundation, June 1992. These are guidelines that have been drawn up on the premise that children who have been ill will not return to school until they have fully recovered.

Chicken Pox	Exclude till fully recovered or at least 5 days after the eruption first appears. Note - some remaining scabs are not an indication for continued exclusion	Any child with an immune deficiency (eg leukaemia) should be excluded for its own protection. Otherwise not excluded.
Conjunctivitis (Acute infectious)	Exclude until discharge from eyes has ceased.	Not excluded
Diarrhoea	Exclude until diarrhoea has ceased.	Not excluded.
Diphtheria	Exclude until medical certificate of recovery following at least two negative throat swabs, the first not less than 24 hours after cessation of antibiotic treatment and the other 48 hours later.	Exclude family/household contacts until cleared to return by an appropriate health authority.
Impetigo (School sores)	Exclude until appropriate treatment has commenced and sores on exposed surfaces are covered with a dressing.	Not excluded.
Measles	Excluded for at least 4 days from the appearance of the rash.	Immunised contacts not excluded. Non-immunised contacts should be excluded until 14 days after the first day of appearance of rash in the latest case. If non-immunised contacts are vaccinated within 72 hours of their first contact with the index case, they may return to school.

Mumps	Exclude for at least 9 days after onset of symptoms.	Not excluded.
Head Lice (Pediculosis) Ringworm, Scabies, Trachoma	***** Can return straight after treatment, if completed correctly and thoroughly ***** <i>Please note: head lice are very contagious - Do not send children to school until after treatment. All eggs must be removed.</i> *****	
Rubella (German Measles)	Exclude until fully recovered or for at least 4 days after the onset of rash.	Not excluded. NOTE: Female staff of child-bearing age should ensure that their immune status against rubella is adequate.
Whooping Cough (Pertussis)	Exclude for 5 days after starting antibiotic treatment.	Exclude unimmunised household contacts aged less than 7 years for 14 days after the last exposure to infection or until they have received 5 days of a 14 day course of antibiotics.