



Infectious Illness and Disease: School Exclusion Periods

Infection	Exclusion from school
Athlete's foot	None
Chicken pox	Five days from onset of rash and all the lesions have crusted over
Cold sores (herpes simplex)	None
Conjunctivitis	None
COVID 19 (positive test result)	Guidance of a 3-day isolation period with additional days if needed and/or until feeling well and NO high temperature.
Diarrhoea and vomiting	Whilst symptomatic and 48 hours after the last symptoms i.e. after last bout of vomiting
Diphtheria	Exclusion is essential. Always consult with your local Health Protection Team (HPT)
Flu (influenza)	Until recovered
Glandular fever	None
Hand foot and mouth	None
Head lice	Return following lice treatment
Hepatitis A	Exclude until seven days after onset of jaundice (or 7 days after symptom onset if no jaundice)
Hepatitis B, C, HIV	None
Impetigo	Until lesions are crusted /healed or 48 hours after starting antibiotic treatment
Measles	Four days from onset of rash and recovered
Meningococcal meningitis/ septicaemia	Until recovered
Meningitis due to other bacteria	Until recovered
Meningitis viral	None
MRSA	None
Mumps	Five days after onset of swelling
Ringworm	Not usually required.
Rubella (German measles)	Five days from onset of rash
Scarlet fever	Exclude until 24hrs of appropriate antibiotic treatment completed
Scabies	Can return after first treatment
Slapped cheek /Fifth disease/Parvo virus B19	None (once rash has developed)
Threadworms	None
Tonsillitis	None
Tuberculosis (TB)	School will consult local HPT BEFORE disseminating information to staff/parents/carers
Warts and verrucae	None (sock required for swimming lessons)
Whooping cough (pertussis)	Two days from starting antibiotic treatment, or 21 days from onset of symptoms if no antibiotics

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