

Infection/Complaint	Recommended period to be kept away from school, Nursery or Childminders	Comments
Athlete's Foot	NONE	Athlete's foot is not a serious condition. Treatment is recommended.
Chickenpox	Until all vesicles have crusted over	
Cold sores, (Herpes Simplex)	NONE	Avoid contact with the sore. Cold sores are generally mild and self-limiting
German Measles (Rubella*)	Four days from onset of rash (as per "Green Book")	Preventable by immunisation.
Hand, Foot and Mouth	NONE	Contact your local HPT if a large number of children are affected. Exclusion may be considered in some circumstances.
Impetigo	Until lesions are crusted and healed, or 48 hours after starting antibiotic treatment	Antibiotic treatment speeds healing and reduces the infectious period.
Measles*	Four days from onset of rash	Preventable by vaccination.
Ringworm	Exclusion not usually required.	Treatment is required.
Scabies	Child can return after first treatment	Household and close contacts require treatment.
Scarlet Fever*	Child can return 24 hours after starting appropriate antibiotic treatment	Antibiotic treatment is recommended for the affected child.
Slapped Cheek/Fifth disease. Parvovirus B19	NONE	
Shingles	Exclude only if rash is weeping and cannot be covered.	Can cause chickenpox in those who are not immune, i.e. have not had chickenpox. It is spread by very close contact and touch.
Warts and Verrucae	NONE	Verrucae should be covered in swimming pools, gymnasiums and changing rooms.
Diarrhoea and/or Vomiting	48 hours from last episode of diarrhoea or vomiting.	
E.coli 0157 VTEC Typoid* (and paratyphoid*) {Enteric Fever} Shigella (Dysentery)	Should be excluded for 48 hours from the last episode of diarrhoea. Further exclusion may be required for some children until they are no longer excreting.	Further exclusion is required for children ages five years or younger and those who have difficulty in adhering to hygiene practices. Children in these categories should be excluded until there is evidence of microbiological clearance.
Flu (Influenza)	Until recovered.	
Tuberculosis*	Always consult your local PHE centre.	Requires prolonged close contact for spread.
Whooping Cough* (pertussis)	Five days from starting antibiotic treatment, or 21 days from onset of illness if no antibiotic treatment	Preventable by vaccination. After treatment, non-infectious coughing may continue for many weeks.
Conjunctivitis	NONE	If an outbreak or cluster occurs, consult your local PHE centre.
Diphtheria*	Exclusion is essential. Always consult with your local HPT	Family contact must be excluded until cleared to return by your local PHE centre.
Glandular Fever	NONE	
Head Lice	NONE – AFTER TREATMENT	You will be called to collect and treat your child.
Mumps*	Exclude child for five days after onset of swelling.	Preventable by vaccination.
Threadworms	NONE	Treatment is recommended for the child and household contacts.
Tonsillitis	NONE	There are many causes, but most cases are due to virus and do not need an antibiotic.