



Sickness & Exclusion periods

The nursery will make every effort to notify parents should their child become ill at the nursery. Senior staff reserve the right to remove the child to hospital in an emergency. Please note minimum exclusion periods apply and must be adhered to; our policy and guidelines are available from the nursery manager.

Minimum Exclusion Period for Nursery

Disease / Illness	Minimum Exclusion Period
When on Antibiotics	First two days at home
Chickenpox	5 days from appearance of the rash, all lesions should be crusted over before returning
Conjunctivitis	None, advise parents to seek advice
Diarrhoea	48 hrs at home
Gastroenteritis	Until authorised by District Community Physician
Hand, foot and mouth	None- unless child is visibly unwell
Impetigo	Until the skin is healed
Infective hepatitis	7 days from onset of Jaundice
Lice	None, treatment needed
Measles	4 days from appearance of rash
Meningitis C	Until recovered from illness
Mumps	Unless the swelling has subsided and, in no case less than 5 days from the start of treatment
Plantar warts	No exclusion, should be treated and covered
Poliomyelitis	Until authorised by District Community Physician
Rubella	5 days from the appearance of the rash
Ringworm of Scalp	None, treatment needed
Ringworm of Body	None, treatment needed
Scabies	Until first treatment is given
Scarlet fever	No less than 3 days from the start of treatment
Tuberculosis	Yes, can return after 2 weeks of treatment and well enough
Typhoid fever	Until authorised by District Community Physician
Vomiting	48 hours at home
Whooping Cough	48 hours of appropriate treatment or 21 days from the onset if no antibiotics are given

Contagious Disease

For the benefit of the other children in the nursery, you must not allow your child to attend the nursery if they are suffering from a contagious disease that could easily be passed on to another child during normal daily activities of the nursery.

The nursery reserves the right to refuse to accept children until the nursery is satisfied they are not infectious. This is to protect other children from cross infection. The relevant Local Authority guides the nursery's exclusion policy.

If In Doubt

If your child is suffering from a doubtful rash, sore throat, discharge from the eyes, nose, diarrhoea or any similar symptoms, please keep the child at home until a doctor has certified that the symptoms have disappeared.

You must inform us immediately if your child is diagnosed with any allergy or intolerance.

Antibiotics

If your child is prescribed **any** antibiotics, please keep them at home until 48 hours dosage has been administered in case of adverse reaction to the medication. Antibiotics and medicines will only be administered by nursery staff after the child has been taking them for more than 48 hours at home, and only then with written authorisation from their parent. All antibiotics must be prescribed by a doctor.

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