

Recommended minimum exclusion periods from school and preschool for children or staff with, or exposed to, infectious diseases. Other diseases and exclusion periods not listed can be obtained from the school office.

CONDITION	CASES	CONTACTS
Chicken Pox <i>Varicells and Herpes Zoster</i>	Exclude until 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 or receiving chemotherapy) should be excluded for their own protection. Otherwise not excluded.
Conjunctivitis <i>Acute Infectious</i>	Exclude until discharge from eyes has ceased	Not excluded
Diarrhoea <i>(campylobacter, cryptosporidium, giardia, rotavirus, salmonella, shigella, intestinal worms).</i>	Exclude until diarrhoea has stopped.	Not excluded
Glandular Fever	Exclusion not necessary	Not excluded
Hand, Foot & Mouth Disease	Exclude until all blisters have dried.	Not excluded
Hepatitis A	Exclude until receipt of a medical certificate of recovery but not before 7 days after the onset of jaundice	Not excluded
Herpes <i>Cold Sores</i>	Exclude if child cannot comply with good hygiene practices while sores are weeping. (Sores should be covered with a dressing where possible).	Not excluded
Impetigo <i>School Sores</i>	Exclude until appropriate treatment has commenced (sores on exposed surfaces are to be covered with a water tight dressing).	Not excluded
Influenza <i>and influenza-like illnesses</i>	Exclude until well	Not excluded
Measles	Exclude for at least 4 days from the appearance of rash	Immunised contacts not excluded. Non-immunised contacts should be excluded until 14 days after the first day of appearance of rash in the last case. If non-immunised contact with the index case, they may return to school
Meningitis <i>Bacterial</i>	Exclude until well	Not excluded
Meningococcal infection	Exclude until carrier eradication antibiotic course is completed.	Not excluded. Close contacts should take antibiotic (rifampicin). Public health authorities will advise.
Mumps	Exclude for at least 9 days after onset of symptoms	Not excluded
Ringworm, Scabies, Pediculosis ( <i>Lice</i> ), Trachoma	Exclude until the day after treatment has commenced	Not excluded
Rubella <i>German Measles</i>	Exclude until fully recovered or for at least 4 days after the onset of rash	Not excluded. <b>NOTE:</b> Female staff of childbearing age should ensure that their immune status against rubella is adequate.
Whooping Cough <i>Pertussis</i>	Exclude for 21 days from onset or until child has taken five days of a 10 day course of antibiotics (erythromycin).	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.