

Our Nursery Guidance On Infection Control

Recommended Period To Be Kept Away From Nursery		Comments
Scarlet Fever	Child may return 48 hours after antibiotic treatment	Consult Dr and antibiotic treatment recommended for the affected child.
Chicken Pox	Child is infectious from 2 days before and upto 6 days after onset of rash.	Be aware of vulnerable children and female staff (pregnancy). Child may return once all blisters have scabbed over.
Cold Sores	None	Consult Dr. Contagious through kissing or sharing objects (babies putting toys in mouth).
Hand, Foot and Mouth	Child must stay away from Nursery until fully recovered	Highly contagious.
Slapped Cheek	Once rash appears and feeling well enough child may return to Nursery.	Be aware of vulnerable children and female staff (pregnancy) Someone with slapped cheek syndrome is infectious during the period before the rash develops. Once the rash appears, the condition can no longer be passed on.
Impetigo	The child must stay away from Nursery until fully recovered	This is a highly infectious skin condition
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Diarrhoea / Vomiting	48 hours from last episode	Please do not send your child to Nursery if they have had diarrhoea or vomiting. They must be well and eating before returning to Nursery.
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Tonsillitis	None	There are many causes, but most cases are due to a virus and do not need antibiotics.
Head Lice	None	Help support the child with regular combing of the hair and head lice lotions / treatments. Tie hair back where possible.
Glandular Fever	None	Consult Dr
Sticky Eyes or Conjunctivitis	Minimum 24 hours treatment / or until eyes have stopped discharging	Generally, colds do not cause sticky eyes
Ear Infection	Not infectious	If prescribed antibiotics child may return 48 hours after 1 st dose administered.
Chest Infection	Not infectious	If prescribed antibiotics child may return 48 hours after 1 st dose administered.
Calpol	None	X 1 dose will be given if child is displaying a high temperature. X 2 doses will be given to babies who are teething.
Creams / Lotions	None	Staff will administer. All creams must have the child's name label on.
Cough Mixture	None	Staff will administer if they feel necessary.
Antibiotics	48 hours	Staff will only administer antibiotics that are prescribed by a Doctor, Dentist, Nurse or Pharmacist. All medication must display the child's name / dosage requirements and date when medication was prescribed.

All information regarding childhood illnesses is sourced from NHS Choices <http://www.nhs.uk/pages/home.aspx>