

## 22 Exclusion Policy For Illness / Communicable Disease

### Minimum Periods of Exclusion from Nursery

Disease/Illness	Minimal Exclusion Period
Antibiotics prescribed	First day at home
Temperature	If sent home ill, child must be off for 24 hours
Vomiting	If sent home ill, child must be off for 24 hours from the last episode
Conjunctivitis	Keep at home for a minimum of 1 day; longer if eyes still weeping
Diarrhoea	24 hours or until 2 clear nappies
Chickenpox	7 days from appearance of the rash or until the spots have dried out, whichever is the longest
Gastro-enteritis, food poisoning, salmonellas and dysentery	24 hours or until 2 clear nappies or for notifiable diseases, until advised by the relevant public health official
Infective hepatitis	7 days from onset of jaundice
Measles	7 days from appearance of the rash
Meningococcal infection	Until recovered from the illness
Mumps	Until the swelling has subsided and in no case less than 7 days from onset of illness
Pertussis (whooping cough)	21 days from the onset of paroxysmal cough
Poliomyelitis	Until declared free from infection by the appropriate public health official.
Scarlet fever and streptococcal infection of the throat	Until appropriate medical treatment has been given and in no case for less than 3 days from the start of treatment
Tuberculosis	Until declared free from infection by the appropriate public health official
Typhoid fever	Until declared free from infection by the appropriate public health official
Impetigo	Until the skin is healed
Head Lice	Until appropriate treatment has been given
Plantar warts	No exclusion. Should be treated and covered
Ringworm of scalp	Until cured
Ringworm of body	Seldom necessary to exclude provided treatment is being given
Scabies	Need not be excluded once appropriate treatment has been given