

Infectious Illness and Disease: School Exclusion Periods

Infection	Exclusion from school
Athlete's foot	None
Chicken pox	Five days from onset of rash and all the lesions have
	crusted over
Cold sores (herpes simplex)	None
Conjunctivitis	None
COVID 19	-LFD test taken
	-PCR test taken to confirm positive result is symptoms
	present
	-10 days isolation period for all household members / close unvaccinated adult contacts
	-LFD testing from day 5 with two consecutive results
	meaning an end to isolation
	-Day 0 is first day of symptoms OR positive test result if
	asymptomatic and fever free for 48 hours
	-Day 11 is the return to school/work day.
Diarrhoea and vomiting	Whilst symptomatic and 48 hours after the last
	symptoms
Diphtheria	Exclusion is essential. Always consult with your local
	Health Protection Team (HPT)
Flu (influenza)	Until recovered
Glandular fever	None
Hand foot and mouth	None
Head lice	Return following lice treatment
Hepatitis A	Exclude until seven days after onset of jaundice (or 7
	days after symptom onset if no jaundice)
Hepatitis B, C, HIV	None
Impetigo	Until lesions are crusted /healed or 48 hours after
	starting antibiotic treatment
Measles	Four days from onset of rash and recovered
Meningococcal meningitis/ septicaemia	Until recovered
Meningitis due to other bacteria	Until recovered
Meningitis viral	None
MRSA	None
Mumps	Five days after onset of swelling
Ringworm	Not usually required.
Rubella (German measles)	Five days from onset of rash
Scarlet fever	Exclude until 24hrs of appropriate antibiotic
	treatment completed
Scabies	Can return after first treatment
Slapped cheek /Fifth disease/Parvo virus B19	None (once rash has developed)
Threadworms	None
Tonsillitis	None
Tuberculosis (TB)	School will consult local HPT BEFORE disseminating
	information to staff/parents/carers
Warts and verrucae	None
Whooping cough (pertussis)	Two days from starting antibiotic treatment, or 21
	days from onset of symptoms if no antibiotics

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