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The Duchy Preschool operate a strict exclusion policy in relation to all staff, volunteers and children who have encountered an infectious disease. Both staff and children **must** stay away from preschool for the minimum periods set out in the table below for each infectious disease.

This is to help isolate the infection and prevent others from contracting it and risking an outbreak throughout the preschool, it is also appropriate that people who have been sick take adequate amounts of time to recuperate.

If a child has been prescribed antibiotics, they are to stay at home for the first 24 hours of taking them. This is due to the risk of a reaction and time taken for the medication to start working.

Infectious Disease	Exclusion rules
Athletes Foot	Do not exclude – recommend visit to pharmacy for treatment
Chicken pox	For 5 days from onset of rash and all blisters have scabbed over.
COVID	For 3 days of positive test for children. 5 Days for staff
Diarrhoea and/or vomiting	For 48 hours from last episode of diarrhoea or vomiting (ie the 48 hour rule applies).
E.coli O157	Exclusion is important for some children. Consult the HPU.
Flu.	Until recovered
Food poisoning	Until free of symptoms (diarrhoea and/or vomiting) for 48 hours.
Hand, Foot and Mouth	5days and after fever has passed and child feels well
Hepatitis A,	For 5 days from onset of jaundice for children under five
Herpes Simplex (Cold sores)	Do not exclude. Avoid contact with the sore/s
Impetigo	Until lesions are crusted or healed.
Measles.	For 5 days from onset of rash

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Molluscum Contagiosum	Do not exclude (a self-limiting condition)
Mumps	For 5 days from onset of swollen glands.
Ringworm	Do not exclude but ensure treatment is commenced as prescribed by a GP.
Roseola (infantum)	Do not exclude
Rubella	For 6 days from onset of rash.
Scabies	Child can return after first treatment has commenced.
Scarlet Fever	For children who do NOT start antibiotics – exclusion for 3 full weeks from onset For children who take antibiotics (recommended) 48 hours after starting antibiotics (from 1st dose)
Shigella (dysentery)	Exclusion may be necessary. Consult the HPU.
Shingles	Exclude only if rash is weeping, and exclude until weeping has ceased
Tuberculosis	For two weeks after treatment has started. HPU will advise on action.
Typhoid (and paratyphoid)	Exclusion is important for some children. Always consult with HPU.
Warts and verruca	Do not exclude. Must be covered if shoes off.
Whooping Cough	For 5 days from commencing antibiotic treatment. (Longer if antibiotics not started early).
Cryptosporidiosis	Exclude for 48 hours after the last episode of diarrhoea
Conjunctivitis	Until eyes have stopped weeping, due to the ease of transmission.
Diphtheria	Exclude immediately and all members of family – contact HPU and undertake contact trace
Glandular fever	Until recovered

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Head lice	Exclude until there are no live lice, treatment is required only where live headlice have been found
Meningitis	Until recovered
MRSA	Do not exclude
Threadworm	Treatment required for affected child and family members. Exclude for 24 hours after first treatment is given

Please also refer to our Child Sickness Policy

All information has been taken from the Health protection in schools and other childcare facilities publication, from the UK Health Security Agency. Accessed September 2024.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/health-protection-in-schools-and-other-childcare-facilities/managing-specific-infectious-diseases-a-to-z>

Any staff or parents who do not abide by the exclusion rules stated above or comply with exclusion requests from the management team, may be subject to disciplinary action or risk losing their place at the nursery.

Please note, that no doctor's letter or statements from other websites, agencies or authorities will override our Duchy preschool Policies. The regulations set out in this policy provide the minimum exclusion periods we require when a child is sick or has an infection or has started medication. This is our standard. No individual staff at Duchy preschool are authorised to override this policy.

Responsibility for periodic review	Facilities Sub-committee
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