



Illness Policy

Approval	Next review	Responsible Person
December 2021	The policy will be reviewed in the light of operating experience and/or changes in legislation.	Headteacher

Ashdene Primary School adheres to the DfE and NHS guidelines with regard to illness exclusion times from school – please see information below for this information. There will be no exceptions to these timescales.

Health Protection for schools, nurseries and other childcare facilities

Exclusion table

Infection	Exclusion period
Athlete's foot	None
Chickenpox	Five days from onset of rash
Cold sores (herpes simplex)	None
Conjunctivitis	None
Diarrhoea and vomiting (all cases)	Whilst symptomatic and 48 hours after the last symptoms.
Diphtheria *	Exclusion is essential. Always consult with your local HPT
Flu (influenza)	Until recovered
Glandular fever	None
Hand foot and mouth	None
Head lice	None
Impetigo	Until lesions are crusted /healed or 48 hours after starting antibiotic treatment
Measles*	Four days from onset of rash and recovered
Hepatitis A*	Exclude until seven days after onset of jaundice (or 7 days after symptom onset if no jaundice)
Hepatitis B*, C*, HIV	None
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)	Four 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)	Always consult your 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

***denotes a notifiable disease. It is a statutory requirement that doctors report a notifiable disease to the proper officer of the local authority (usually a consultant in communicable disease control).**

Health Protection Agency (2010) Guidance on Infection Control in Schools and other Child Care Settings. HPA: London.