



CHILDHOOD DISEASES AND EXCLUSION PERIODS POLICY

From time to time students may become unwell. A student is expected to stay home if unwell to both optimise the recovery of the student and to prevent the spread of infection to other students and staff. If a student becomes unwell at School, parents are to collect their student if requested to do so.

Please note the relevant exclusion periods below:

Chicken Pox (less common due to vaccinations)

Excluded until all blisters have dried – this is usually at least 5 days after the rash first appears.

Conjunctivitis

Excluded until the eye discharge has stopped.

COVID - 19

If a positive test result has been received, the student is excluded until a negative test result can be provided to the School and the student is symptom free. A student who is a close contact of someone diagnosed with COVID-19 must self-isolate for 14 days following that contact.

Gastroenteritis

Excluded until there has not been a loose bowel motion for 48 hours.

German Measles (Rubella)

Excluded until fully recovered or for at least 4 days after the rash appears.

Hand, Foot and Mouth

Excluded until all the blisters have dried up.

Head Lice

Can return to School if effective treatment begins before the next day of attendance. Treatment is available from the chemist.

Impetigo

Excluded until appropriate antibiotic treatment has commenced and all sores are covered with a watertight dressing.

Influenza (the flu)

Excluded until the student is well again (usually between 2 and 7 days)

Measles (rare due to vaccinations)

Excluded for 4 days from appearance of rash. Exclude domiciliary contacts for 14 days after the last exposure to infection IF attending School and if the contact has NOT previously had Measles OR been immunised against Measles.

Mumps (uncommon due to immunisation)

Excluded for 9 days from the onset of swelling.

Vomiting

Remain home for at least 24 hours from when the vomiting has stopped.

Whooping Cough (less common due to immunisations)

Excluded for 21 days from the start of symptoms or until the student has taken an appropriate antibiotic for at least 5 days (a medical certificate is produced to confirm antibiotic treatment).

Other

Under the Public Health Act 2010 (NSW) schools are required to notify the Public Health Unit if an enrolled child has a vaccine preventable disease, or if they reasonably believe that an unimmunised enrolled child has come into contact with someone who has a vaccine preventable disease. The Act also requires the School to exclude unimmunised children on the direction of a public health officer.