



## **Illnesses and their control**

It is very important that we control the spread of infection at Preschool, in the interests of wellbeing for both staff and children, to do so we enforce the following exclusion times:

**Common cold/Tonsillitis:** Management discretion is applied however the child must be deemed as generally well in themselves and happy to be at pre-school.

**Diarrhoea and/or vomiting, Gastroenteritis or Food Poisoning:** clear of all symptoms for 48hrs since the last loose stool or period of vomiting.

**Conjunctivitis:** until all signs of infection are clear.

**Chicken Pox:** 5 days after the onset of blisters and child is well enough in themselves to attend, with the blisters having crusted over.

**Whooping cough:** 5 days from the commencement of antibiotic treatment, or 21 days from onset if no antibiotics taken.

**German measles:** 5 days from the onset of a rash.

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**Hand foot and mouth:** until blisters are dry and child's general health is normal.

**Mumps:** 5 days from the onset of swollen glands.

**Impetigo:** 48 hours after antibiotic treatment has been started.

**Scarlet Fever:** 48 hours after commencing antibiotic treatment.

**Broken Bones:** We request that parents keep their children at home for 48 hours after returning from hospital with a bone break and the application of a plaster cast/ bandages. This enables the cast to set properly and the child to get used to the weight and possible balance changes.

The above list is not exhaustive, for further information on childhood illnesses and the signs and symptoms which accompany them please visit the NHS website at [www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk).

If your child should become unwell at pre-school you will be contacted and asked to collect your child as soon as possible.