

Excluding Children with Illnesses and Infections

Statement

Pathways Childcare Centre is committed to the health and safety of all children, staff and visitors. Sometimes it is necessary to ask for a child to be taken home in order to get better. In such cases, the illness, incidents and emergency policies will be implemented.

Parents/Carers will be notified immediately if their child becomes ill and needs to go home. Poorly children will be comforted, kept safe and under close supervision until they are collected. If a child is sent home we advise to keep them off for 24 hours, or according to the times below. If a member of staff becomes ill at work similar restrictions apply. If a member of staff or child becomes ill outside of Pathways they must phone the nursery as soon as possible.

If any infectious disease is detected on Pathways premises, Pathways will inform parents/carers in writing as soon as possible. Pathways are committed to sharing as much information as possible about the disease and the steps being taken to remove it.

Ofsted and the Health Protection Unit will be informed of any infectious or communicable diseases.

Recommended exclusion periods for illnesses and diseases

- Antibiotics - 48 hours
- Chicken Pox - until all spots are dried up, 5 days from onset of rash
- Childhood Vaccinations - we recommend 24 hours in case of an allergic reaction
- Conjunctivitis - until treatment has commenced
- Diarrhoea and Vomiting - 48 hours from last episode
- Diphtheria - Exclusion important to consult with the duty room
- Hepatitis A - Exclude for 7 days from onset of jaundice (or 7 days after symptom onset if no jaundice)
- Hepatitis B and C - None to use good personal hygiene when dealing with this infection
- Impetigo - Until lesions are crusted or healed
- Measles/German measles - 4 days from onset of rash
- Meningococcal meningitis/septicaemia - Until recovered
- Meningitis due to other bacteria - until recovered
- Meningitis viral - none
- Mumps - 5 days from onset of swollen glands
- Scabies - can return after first treatment
- Scarlet Fever - 24 hours after commencing antibiotics
- Slap Cheek/Fifth Disease - None
- Shingles - Exclude only if rash is weeping and cannot be covered
- Whooping Cough - 5 days from commencing antibiotics or 21 days if not prescribed
- Ringworm - Until treatment is given
- Threadworm - None
- Tonsillitis - 48 hours from commencing antibiotics
- Tuberculosis - Consult the duty room

All staff are encourage to seek medical advice if unsure about exclusion

Some diseases are more harmful to vulnerable children and pregnant ladies, these are:

* Chickenpox

*German measles

*Slapped Cheek

*Measles

All cases will be treated individually.

Public Health Agency Health Protection Duty Room (Duty Room) on 0300 555 0119

Or www.gov.uk/government/organisations/Public-health-england