

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 for new and 24 hours for one already had before
- 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
- Covid-19 - Children and young people should not attend if they have a high temperature and are unwell.
- Cryptosporidiosis - 48 hours after diarrhoea and vomiting has stopped
- Diarrhoea and Vomiting - 48 hours from last episode
- Diphtheria - Exclusion important to consult with the UKHSA HPT
<https://www.gov.uk/health-protection-team>
- E. coli - 48 hours, under 6 until confirmed safe by healthcare professional
- Hand, foot and mouth - no exclusion
- 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 or 48 hours after antibiotics
- 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
- Ringworm - Until treatment is given
- Rubella/German Measles - 5 days from onset of rash
- Scabies - 24 hours after first treatment
- Scarlet Fever - 24 hours after commencing antibiotics
- Slap Cheek/Fifth Disease - None (once rash has developed)

- Shingles - Exclude only if rash is weeping and cannot be covered
- Threadworm - None
- Tonsillitis - 48 hours from commencing antibiotics
- Tuberculosis - 2 weeks after starting treatment
- Whooping Cough - 2 days from commencing antibiotics or 21 days if not prescribed

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 (Local Number) on 0344 255 3560 UKHSA West Midlands Health Protection Team

Or <https://www.gov.uk/health-protection-team>