



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.	First Aid Lead

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	At least 5 days from onset of rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Cold sores (herpes simplex)	None
Conjunctivitis	None
Respiratory infections including coronavirus (COVID-19)	Individuals should not attend if they have a high temperature and are unwell. Individuals who have a positive test result for COVID-19 should not attend the setting for 3 days after the day of the test. - Individuals with mild symptoms such as runny nose, and headache who are otherwise well can continue to attend their setting.
Diarrhoea and vomiting (all cases)	Individuals can return 48 hours after diarrhoea and vomiting have stopped.
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)	Five days from onset of rash
Scarlet fever	Exclude until 24hrs of appropriate antibiotic treatment completed
Scabies	None (to avoid close physical contact with others until 24 hours after the first dose of chosen treatment). Those unable to adhere to this advice (such as under 5 years or additional needs), should be excluded until 24 hours after the first dose of chosen treatment.
Slapped cheek /Fifth disease/Parvo virus B19	None (once rash has developed)
Threadworms	None
Tonsillitis	None
Tuberculosis (TB)	Until at least 2 weeks after the start of effective antibiotic treatment (if pulmonary TB). Exclusion not required for non-pulmonary or latent TB infection.
Warts and verrucae	None
Whooping cough (pertussis)*	2 days from starting antibiotic treatment, or 14 days from onset of coughing if no antibiotics and feel well enough to return.

***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.

Illness during the school day

If your child falls ill during the school day you could be required to collect your child from school. For the safety and well-being of both your child and others you must collect your child promptly if requested. If you are unavailable to collect your child from school you must have appropriate plans in place to ensure another adult can collect your child e.g. grandparents, family friend.