

Infectious and Communicable Diseases

If any infectious or communicable disease is detected on the Nursery's premises, the Nursery will inform parents/carers in writing as soon as possible. RIDDOR (where relevant) and Ofsted will also be informed of any infectious or communicable diseases discovered on the Nursery premises.

Head lice

When a case of head lice is discovered at the Nursery, the situation will be handled sensitively. The child concerned will not be isolated from other children, and there is no need for them to be excluded from activities or sessions at the Nursery.

When the child concerned is collected, their parent/carer will be informed in a sensitive manner.

Parents/carers will be informed as quickly as possible of the head lice but the child concerned will not be mentioned. Parents will be given advice and guidance on treating head lice.

Staff should check themselves regularly for lice and treat whenever necessary.

Minimum Exclusion Periods for Illness and Disease

This policy sets out the exclusion periods for children who are ill, including if they are infectious. St Ives Nursery takes into consideration guidance from the Health Protection Agency with regards to exclusion periods for illnesses and infection control, as well as the needs of the children and staff.

| Illness/Infection | St Ives Nursery Exclusion Period for Children |
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| Chicken Pox/Shingles | 5 days from onset of rash as long as spots are crusted over |
| Cold Sores (Herpes simplex) | None |
| Conjunctivitis | None (If there is an outbreak we will consider exclusion) |
| Diarrhoea and/or Vomiting including Rotavirus/Norovirus/Gastroenteritis | 48 hours from the last episode, if as a result of illness or infection. Also, after 3 or more loose stools in a nursery session, children are required to be sent home and may return 48 hours after the last episode. |
| Flu | Until recovered fully enough to participate in nursery activities |
| German Measles (Rubella)* | 5 days from onset of rash |
| Glandular Fever | None, however must be well enough to participate in nursery activities |
| Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease | None, however must be well enough to participate in nursery activities |
| Head lice | None |
| Impetigo | Until lesions are crusted or healed |

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| Measles* | 5 days from onset of rash |
| Meningitis* | Until recovered (We will follow the instructions of the local Health Protection Unit) |
| Mumps* | 5 days from onset of swollen glands |
| Ringworm | Until treatment has commenced |
| Scabies | Until treatment has commenced |
| Scarlet Fever* | 5 days after commencing antibiotics |
| Slapped cheek | None, however must be well enough to participate in nursery activities |
| Threadworm | None |

*= Notifiable diseases

Please note this list is not exhaustive but contains the most common exclusions.

Parents should always seek advice from their GP or Accident and Emergency department regarding the specific symptoms of their child.

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This list is not necessarily exhaustive, and staff are encouraged to contact local health services if they are in any doubt.