

Feltwell Playgroup's Policy on Communicable Diseases

	EXCLUSIONS/RESTRICTIONS	NOTES
Athletes foot	None, but socks must be worn	Dry between toes after bathing. Apply fungicidal powder.
Chicken pox	Exclusion for at least 5 days after spots first appear or until spots become dry	Infection confers long immunity. Second attacks are rare.
Cold sores	None	Good personal hygiene can minimise transfer of infectious material.
Conjunctivitis "Pink eye"	Exclusion until eye no longer inflamed or 'runny' - medical treatment and / or advice should be sought	Very infectious while eye is inflamed - good personal hygiene can minimise infection transfer.
Gastroenteritis (Diarrhoea & / or vomiting)	<u>Exclusion until 48 hours after the last symptoms have stopped.</u>	
Glandular fever	Exclusion until clinically well	Particularly infectious during period of acute illness but sometimes longer.
Hand foot & mouth	Exclusion until 24 hours after treatment ends	Good lavatory hygiene important for 2 months after illness.
Head lice	Exclusion until 24 hours after treatment has started	All members of the family should be treated.
Hepatitis A "Yellow Jaundice"	Exclusion until 1 week after jaundice appears plus clinically well	Scrupulous hand washing after lavatory use and regular cleaning of WC's will help prevent spread.
Influenza "Flu"	Exclusion until well	Immunisation available for certain vulnerable groups e.g. asthma/diabetes/heart or kidney disease.
Impetigo	Exclusion for 48 hours after treatment commences & lesions should be covered	Medical treatment, covering lesions and personal hygiene are important.
Measles	Exclusion for 5 days after rash appears and until well	Unimmunised persons can usually be vaccinated successfully if within 3 days of contact.
Meningitis & Meningococcal Disease	Advice should be sought at an early stage from the local HPU.	
Mumps	Exclusion until swelling has subsided	
Ringworm	Exclusion until treatment has started	Pets and farm animals may be a source of infection.
Rubella "German Measles"	Exclusion for 7 days after onset of rash	
Scabies	Exclusion until 24 hours after treatment starts	The mites make tiny burrows in the skin which itch intensely, especially at night.
Scarlet fever & Scarletina	Exclusion until 48 hours after start of anti-biotic treatment	
Slapped face disease "Fifth disease"	Exclusion until clinically well	"Slapped face" appearance on cheeks followed a day or so later by a lace like rash on body.
Threadworms	Infectious until treatment.	Good hygiene and adequate treatment are essential. Eggs can be transferred to mouth on fingers if the anus is scratched.
Verrucae and warts	Infectious while lesions are visible. No exclusion but socks must be worn.	Usually disappear spontaneously. If pain on walking medical advice should be sought.
Whooping Cough	Exclusion for 3 weeks from onset. If treated with antibiotics, child can return after 5 days but only if well	If outbreak occurs, under 5's should not be admitted unless known to be immunised.

Please note that our policy on exclusions may differ from advice given by your GP. If we feel that your child is not well enough to be in the setting, or that they may be a health risk to others attending you will be asked to take them home.