

Common School Infections

During a child's life at school it is possible that they will contract some common diseases. To stop the disease spreading throughout the school there may be a period of exclusion as per the table below. For further details the school office or NSW Department of Health should be contacted:
<http://www.health.nsw.gov.au>



DISEASE	EXCLUSIONS FROM SCHOOL
Chicken Pox	Not prior to 5 days after rash initially appears and all blisters have dried and scabbed.
Measles	Students diagnosed with measles are not to return to school until medical certificate of recovery is produced.
Mumps	Students diagnosed with mumps should stay away from others for nine days after the onset of swelling. A medical certificate of recovery is required.
Rubella	Until fully recovered. A medical certificate of recovery is required.
Impetigo (School Sores)	After treatment has started. Sores must be completely covered with a watertight dressing until fully healed.
Ringworm	Until appropriate treatment has commenced. Sores must be completely covered with a watertight dressing until fully healed.
Scarlet Fever	Until the antibiotic treatment is received and taken for at least 24 hours, and feels well.
Trachoma (Conjunctivitis)	Until discharge from eyes has ceased.
Whooping Cough	Until treatment has commenced and a medical certificate of recovery is produced.

When must I keep my child at home?

The school's sickbay is for emergency or short-term use only. If children become sick at school their parents will be telephoned and asked to collect them.

Parents are required to provide the school with the name and phone number of an emergency contact for occasions when parents cannot be reached. It is important that information about emergency contacts is kept up-to-date.

Children should be kept at home if:

- they need to be excluded from school in accordance with Department of Health regulations or
- they are suffering any of the illnesses or complaints listed below:
Influenza Severe asthma
Temperature Vomiting
Diarrhea Severe skin rash/ infection
Headache, earache, toothache
Discharge from the eyes, nose or ears
- If a serious accident occurs at school, parents or emergency contacts will be telephoned as soon as possible. An ambulance will be called and the child admitted to casualty at the Principal's discretion if parents or contacts cannot be reached.

It is essential that parents notify the school whenever contact details change.

