

Feltwell Playgroup's Policy on Communicable Diseases

	EXCLUSIONS/RESTRICTIONS	NOTES
Antibiotics	If your child needs to take any antibiotics, please keep them at home for the first 48 hours.	
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.
Covid-19	If your child has COVID-19, please inform Playgroup that your child is absent due to COVID-19 symptoms and keep them at home until they are well enough to return.	
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 child feels well enough to return without needing any medicine (including Calpol, Ibuprofen etc)	Good lavatory hygiene important for 2 months after illness.
Head lice	If eggs are found, exclusion for 24 hours and treatment must be started. If lice are found, 48 hours exclusion. Child cannot return until all eggs and lice have been removed completely.	Treatment and combing with a lice comb recommended for all members of the family. It is recommended that bedding, towels, hats etc from all family members are hot washed to avoid further spreading.
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. Your local HPT will advise on control measures
Hepatitis B, C, HIV	None	Hepatitis B and C and HIV are blood borne viruses that are not infectious through casual contact. Contact your local HPT for more advice
Influenza "Flu"	Exclusion until well enough to return without needing any medicine (including Calpol, Ibuprofen etc)	Immunisation available for certain vulnerable groups e.g. asthma/diabetes/heart or kidney disease.
Impetigo	Exclusion for 48 hours after antibiotic treatment commences & lesions should be covered	Medical treatment, covering lesions and personal hygiene are important.

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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	Until recovered	Advice should be sought at an early stage from the local HPU.
Mumps	Exclusion until swelling has subsided	Preventable by vaccination with 2 doses of MMR.
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	Preventable by vaccination with 2 doses of MMR.
Scabies	Exclusion until 24 hours after treatment starts	The mites make tiny burrows in the skin which itch intensely, especially at night. Household and close contacts require treatment at the same time.
Scarlet fever & Scarletina	Exclusion until 48 hours after start of antibiotic treatment	A person is infectious for 2-3 weeks if antibiotics are not administered
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. Exclusion until treatment started.	Good hygiene and adequate treatment are essential. Eggs can be transferred to mouth on fingers if the anus is scratched. Treatment recommended for child and household.
Tonsillitis	Until recovered and well enough to return without needing any medicine (including Calpol, Ibuprofen etc). If your child is given antibiotics, please refer to our antibiotics guideline above.	There are many causes, but most cases are due to viruses and do not need an antibiotic treatment.
Tuberculosis (TB)	Always consult your local HPT BEFORE disseminating information to staff/parents/carers	Only pulmonary (lung) TB is infectious to others. Needs close, prolonged contact to spread.
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. Preventable by vaccination. After treatment, non-infectious coughing may continue for many weeks. Your local HPT will organise any contact tracing.

Please note that children who have been given medicine like Calpol, Ibuprofen, cough medicine etc should not attend Playgroup.

If your child is not well enough to attend without this kind of medication, please do not send them in.

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