



Infectious and Communicable Diseases

Policy statement

Poppleton Road OOSC is committed to the health and safety of all children and staff who play, learn and work here. As such, it will sometimes be necessary to require a poorly child to be collected early from a session or be kept at home while they get better. In such cases, the provisions of the Health, Illness and Emergency policy will be implemented.

Procedures

In accordance with the procedures set out in the Health, Illness and Emergency policy, parents/carers will be notified immediately if their child has become ill and needs to go home. Poorly children will be comforted, kept safe and under close supervision until they are collected.

If a child has had to go home prematurely due to illness, they should remain at home until they are better for at least 48 hours, or according to the times set out in the table below. If a member of staff becomes ill at work, similar restrictions on their return will apply.

If a child or member of staff becomes ill outside Club hours, they should notify the Club as soon as possible. The minimum exclusion periods outlined in the table below will then come into operation.

If any infectious or communicable disease is detected on the Club's premises, the Club will inform parents/carers personally in writing as soon as possible. The Club is committed to sharing as much information as possible about the source of the disease and the steps being taken to remove it. Ofsted will also be informed of any infectious or communicable diseases discovered on the Club's premises.

Head Lice

When a case of head lice is discovered at Poppleton Road OOSC, the situation will be handled carefully, sensitively and safely. 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 Club.

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

Other parents/carers will be informed as quickly as possible in writing, including advice and guidance on treating head lice.

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



DISEASE/ILLNESS	EXCLUSION PERIOD
Chicken Pox	5 days from onset of rash and scabs have formed.
Conjunctivitis	May return as soon as treatment has commenced
Respiratory infections	None once child is well
German Measles (Rubella)	5 days from onset of rash (Poppleton Road OOSC must notify staff/mothers who may be pregnant)
Head Lice	None. Chemical treatment is recommended only in cases where live lice have been seen. Combing may be more effective.
Hand, Foot, and Mouth	None once child is well
Impetigo	Until lesions are crusted or healed
Influenza	None once child is well
Measles	Four days from onset of rash (Poppleton Road OOSC must notify staff/mothers who may be pregnant)
Meningococcal Meningitis/Septicaemia	The consultant in communicable disease control will give specific advice on any action needed. Siblings need not be excluded
Meningitis	None once child is well infection risk is minimal
Mumps	Exclude child for five days after onset of swelling
Scabies	Until treated
Scarlet Fever	Child can return 24 hours after commencing appropriate antibiotic treatment
Sickness & diarrhoea	48 hours after the last bout of either.
Slapped Cheek Syndrome (Parvovirus B19) Fifth Disease	None. (Poppleton Road OOSC must notify staff/mothers who may be pregnant)
Tonsillitis	None once child is well
Whooping Cough	5 days from commencement of treatment

This list is statutory guidance from the NHS and is not negotiable. The setting reserves the right to turn away any family who breaches this policy.



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