



Infectious Diseases

Frequently parents contact the school to check the department's policy on sending children to school with diagnosed infectious diseases. Set out below are the regulations covering the most common ailments.

Acute Conjunctivitis

Children must be excluded from school until discharge has ceased.

Acute Tonsillitis

Children must be excluded until symptoms have cleared up.

Chicken Pox

Exclusion from school necessary until a doctor certifies a patient is not likely to convey infection. Contacts are not excluded.

Measles

Required information for school communities about measles - August 2012 see. NSW Ministry of Health website

Mumps

Exclusion from school necessary for 10 days from the onset of the swelling. Contacts are not excluded.

Rubella - German Measles

Exclusion necessary for at least 7 days from appearance of the rash. Contacts are not excluded.

Impetigo - Scabby Sores

Children may attend only if sores are kept effectively covered with a clean dressing. Contacts are not excluded.

Pediculosis - Head Lice

Exclusion until the hair is completely free of lice and nits. Contacts are not excluded but are to have their hair inspected once a week.

Scabies

Exclusion from school until the skin is completely clear or a doctor's certificate states a successful treatment. Contacts are not excluded.

Ringworm - Scalp

Exclusion until all evidence has disappeared and a medical certificate produced stating that the patches of ringworm are inactive.

Ringworm - Body

Children are allowed to return to school after 7 days of effective treatment. Contacts of both types of ringworm are not excluded but must be inspected each week.