

19: Infectious and Communicable Diseases

Kidz Enterprise is committed to the health and safety of all children and staff who play, learn and work here. As such, Kidz Enterprise will take necessary steps to prevent the spread of infection. 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.

In accordance with the procedures set out in the Accident, 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 24 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 Kidz Enterprise 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 Kidz Enterprise's premises, Kidz Enterprise will inform parents/carers personally in writing as soon as possible. Kidz Enterprise 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 Kidz Enterprise's premises (see table below).

Head lice

When a case of head lice is discovered at Kidz Enterprise, the situation will be handled carefully 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 Kidz Enterprise.

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 will check themselves regularly for lice and treat whenever necessary.

Minimum Exclusion Periods for Illness and Disease

DISEASE	PERIOD OF EXCLUSION
Antibiotics prescribed	First 24 hours
Chicken Pox	[5]7 days from when the rash first appeared
Conjunctivitis	24 hours or until the eyes have stopped 'weeping'

Diarrhoea	24 hours
Diphtheria	[exclude] Notifiable disease, local HPU will advise
Gastro-enteritis, food poisoning	48 hours from last episode of vomiting/diarrhoea
Dysentery	24 hours or until advised by the doctor/local HPU
Glandular Fever	None
Hand, Foot and Mouth disease	None - contact local HPU re exclusion if large no. of children affected
Hepatitis A	7 days from onset of jaundice & when recovered [Notifiable disease]
Hepatitis B	None [Notifiable disease]
High temperature	24 hours
Impetigo	Until the skin has healed [or 48 hours after commencing antibiotics]
Measles	4 days from when the rash first appeared [Notifiable disease]
Meningitis	Until certified well [Notifiable disease]
Mumps	7 days minimum or until the swelling has subsided [Notifiable disease]
Pediculosis (lice)	None
Pertussis (Whooping cough)	21 days from the onset [or 5 days from commencing antibiotics - Notifiable disease]
Plantar warts	Should be treated and covered
Poliomyelitis	Until certified well
Ringworm of scalp	Until cured
Ringworm of the body	- exclusion not generally required
Rubella (German Measles)	6 days from onset of rash [Notifiable disease]
Scabies	Until treatment has been given
Scarlet fever	24 hours after commencing antibiotics [Notifiable disease]
Tonsilitis	None
Tuberculosis	Always consult HPU [Notifiable disease]
Typhoid fever	Until declared free from infection by a doctor [Notifiable disease]
Warts (including Verrucae)	Exclusion not necessary. Sufferer should keep feet covered.

This list is not necessarily exhaustive, and staff are encouraged to contact local health services if they are in any doubt.

Enterprise Ltd.

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