



Sickness and infection control

Children MUST be well enough to attend nursery and to participate in the full range of experience on offer, including access to opportunities outdoors.

Discussions with parents MUST include the procedure for children who are ill or infectious and the need for parents to inform the nursery about any illness or conditions affecting their child. This MUST include the possibility of exclusion as well as the procedures for contacting parents or another person identified on the Child Collection Authorisation Form if their child becomes ill.

Exclusion and Notifications

There are some infection that require exclusion periods from the nursery to ensure the control of the spread of infection, where available guidance from Health Protection Agency is followed.

These exclusion also apply to staff who have recorded an absence due to an infection Particular reference is made to the exclusion periods for sickness and diarrhea.

Common diseases and symptoms requiring exclusion include:

Disease/symptoms	Exclusion period
Chicken pox/shingles	Seven days from onset of rash or until spots have dried
Conjunctivitis	Until treatment has begun
Diarrhea and/or vomiting	Until symptoms free for 48 hrs
Influenza	Until child feels well
Whooping cough	After antibiotics have been taken for at least 5 days