

Do I need to keep my child off school?

In some situations children or staff with certain infections should not attend school to reduce the risk of spread to others.

The below advice is based on national UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) guidance, and your individual school policy may differ.

Chicken Pox

Until all spots have crusted over

Conjunctivitis

No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed

Diarrhoea and Vomiting

48 hours from last episode

Hand, foot & mouth

No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed

Impetigo

Until lesion crust & healed or 48 hours after start of antibiotics

Head Lice

No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed

Measles

4 days from onset of rash

Mumps

5 days from onset of swelling

Respiratory illness (e.g. colds or flu)

Can return when no longer have a high temperature and well enough

Scabies

No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed

Scarlet Fever

24 hours after commencing antibiotics

Slapped Cheek

No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed

Threadworms

No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed

Tonsillitis

No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed

Whooping Cough

48 hours after commencing antibiotics

If your child has a fever don't send your child to school

If child no longer has a high temperature/fever and is still feeling unwell, then don't send your child to school

If your child is feeling well with no fever, they can attend school even with a cough unless advised

