

When should my child return to school/ childcare?



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Chicken Pox

When scabs are dry

Conjunctivitis

No need to stay out*

Diarrhoea or Vomiting

48 hours after the last episode

Flu

5 days after start of illness

Glandular Fever

No need to stay out*

Hand, foot & mouth

No need to stay out*

Head Lice

No need to stay out*

Impetigo

When scabs are dry or 24 hours after starting antibiotics

Measles

4 days after rash appears

Mumps

5 days after swelling appears

Scabies

After first treatment

Scarlet Fever

24 hours after starting antibiotics

Slapped Cheek

No need to stay out*

Threadworms

No need to stay out*

Whooping Cough

5 days after starting antibiotics or 21 days after start of illness

This information is based on the Management of Infectious Diseases in Schools guidance document.

*No need to stay out if child is well but school or childcare provider should be informed.