

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

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

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

Measles
4 days from onset of rash

Diarrhoea and Vomiting
48 hours from last episode

Mumps
5 days from onset of swelling

Hand, foot & mouth
No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed

Respiratory illness (e.g. colds or flu)
Can return when no longer have a high temperature and well enough

Impetigo
Until lesion crusted & healed or 48 hours after start of antibiotics

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

