

# Health & Safety Policy



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## 1. Purpose

Our school aims to:

- Provide and maintain a safe and healthy environment.
- Establish and maintain safe working practices and procedures amongst staff, students, and all visitors to the school site.
- Have robust procedures in place in case of emergencies.
- Ensure that the premises and equipment are maintained safely and are regularly inspected.

## 2. Legislation

This policy is based on advice from the Department for Education on [health and safety in schools](#) and the following legislation:

- [The Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974](#), which sets out the general duty's employers have towards employees and duties relating to lettings.
- [The Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1992](#), which require employers to make an assessment of the risks to the health and safety of their employees
- [The Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999](#), which require employers to carry out risk assessments, make arrangements to implement necessary measures, and arrange for appropriate information and training
- [The Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations 2002](#), which require employers to control substances that are hazardous to health
- [The Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations \(RIDDOR\) 2013](#), which state that some accidents must be reported to the Health and Safety Executive and set out the timeframe for this and how long records of such accidents must be kept

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- [The Health and Safety \(Display Screen Equipment\) Regulations 1992](#), which require employers to carry out digital screen equipment assessments and states users' entitlement to an eyesight test
- [The Gas Safety \(Installation and Use\) Regulations 1998](#), which require work on gas fittings to be carried out by someone on the Gas Safe Register
- [The Regulatory Reform \(Fire Safety\) Order 2005](#), which requires employers to take general fire precautions to ensure the safety of their staff
- [The Work at Height Regulations 2005](#), which requires employers to protect their staff from falls from height.

The school follows [national guidance published by Public Health England](#) when responding to infection control issues.

## 3. Roles and responsibilities

### 3.1 The Headteacher and Head of Estates

The Headteacher and the Head of Estates have ultimate responsibility for all health and safety matters in the school but will also delegate day-to-day responsibility to staff.

The proprietor has a duty to take reasonable steps to ensure that staff and students are not exposed to risks to any health and safety. This applies to activities on or off the school premises.

The Headteacher, as the employer, also has a duty to:

- Assess the risks to staff and others affected by school activities and to identify and introduce the health and safety measures necessary to manage those risks.
- Inform employees about risks and the measures in place to manage them.
- Ensure that adequate health and safety training is provided.

### 3.2 Headteacher

The Headteacher is responsible for health and safety day-to-day. This involves:

- Implementing the health and safety policy
- Ensuring there is enough staff to safely supervise students.

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- Ensuring that the school building and premises are safe and regularly inspected.
- Providing adequate training for school staff
- Reporting to the governing board on health and safety matters
- Ensuring appropriate evacuation procedures are in place and regular fire drills are held.
- Ensuring that in their absence, health and safety responsibilities are delegated to another member of staff.
- Ensuring all risk assessments are completed and reviewed.
- Monitoring cleaning contracts, and ensuring cleaners are appropriately trained and have access to personal protective equipment, where necessary

In the Headteacher/equivalent's absence, the Deputy Head teacher assumes the above day-to-day health and safety responsibilities.

### **3.3 Health and safety lead**

The nominated health and safety lead is the School Business Manager. They will liaise with the Maintenance Manager and any external companies and/or contractors.

### **3.4 Staff**

School staff have a duty to take care of students as a prudent parent would do so.

Staff will:

- Take reasonable care of their own health and safety and that of others who may be affected by what they do at work.
- Co-operate with the school on health and safety matters.
- Work in accordance with training and instructions.
- Inform the appropriate person of any work situation representing a serious and immediate danger so that remedial action can be taken.
- Model safe and hygienic practice to students.

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- Understand emergency evacuation procedures and feel confident in implementing them.

## **3.5 Students and parents/carers.**

Students and parents/carers are responsible for following the school's health and safety advice, on-site and off-site, and for reporting any health and safety incidents to a member of staff.

## **3.6 Contractors**

Contractors will agree health and safety practices with the Headteacher before starting work. Before work begins the contractor will provide evidence that they have completed an adequate risk assessment of all their planned work.

## **4. Site security**

The Headteacher and the Residential Home Manager are responsible for the security of the school site in and out of school hours. They are responsible for visual inspections of the site, and for the intruder and fire alarm systems.

The Headteacher and Residential Home Manager are key holders and will respond to an emergency.

## **5. Fire**

Emergency exits, assembly points and assembly point instructions are clearly identified by safety signs and notices. Fire risk assessment of the premises will be reviewed regularly.

Emergency evacuations will be practised at least once per term. The fire alarm is a loud continuous buzzer.

Fire alarm testing will take place once a week and no evacuation will be required. This will be communicated to staff before the test is carried out. If staff are not informed that a

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test is being done then they should follow evacuation procedures immediately upon hearing the alarm.

New staff will be trained in fire safety and all staff and students will be made aware of any new fire risks.

In the event of a fire:

- The alarm will be raised immediately by whomever discovers the fire. The emergency services should be contacted as soon as possible.
- Evacuation procedures will begin immediately.
- Fire extinguishers may be used by staff only if they are appropriately trained and are competent and confident to do so, without putting themselves or others at risk.
- Staff and students will gather at the assembly point and report to/listen to the fire marshals/emergency services.
- The Headteacher or Lead Marshal will complete a roll call of staff, students and visitors.
- Staff and students will remain outside the building until the emergency services say it is safe to re-enter. In the event of a fire drill, this instruction can come from the Lead Marshal, the Maintenance Manager (Tom Lumb) or the School Business Manager (Kim Barraclough).

The school will ensure that special arrangements are in place for the evacuation of people with mobility needs and fire risk assessments will also pay particular attention to those with disabilities. A fire safety checklist can be found in appendix 1.

## 6. COSHH

Schools are required to control hazardous substances, which can take many forms, including:

- Chemicals

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- Products containing chemicals.
- Fumes
- Dusts
- Vapours
- Mists
- Gases and asphyxiating gases
- Germs that cause diseases, such as leptospirosis or legionnaires disease

Control of substances hazardous to health (COSHH) risk assessments are completed by the School Business Manager and shared with employees who work with hazardous substances. Staff will also be provided with protective equipment, where necessary.

Staff use and store hazardous products in accordance with instructions on the product label. All hazardous products are kept in their original containers, with clear labelling and product information. All substances are stored in the locked COSHH cupboard.

Any hazardous products are disposed of in accordance with specific disposal procedures. Emergency procedures, including procedures for dealing with spillages, are displayed near where hazardous products are stored and in areas where they are routinely used.

## **6.1 Gas safety**

Installation, maintenance and repair of gas appliances and fittings will be carried out by a competent Gas Safe registered engineer.

Gas pipework, appliances and flues are regularly maintained.

All rooms with gas appliances are checked to ensure that they have adequate ventilation.

Any issues should be reported to the Headteacher, the School Business Manager or the Maintenance Manager as soon as possible.

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## 6.2 Legionella

- A water risk assessment has been completed on 20 August 2024 by Clear Flow Water Treatment. The Maintenance Manager is responsible for ensuring that the identified operational controls are conducted and recorded in the school's waterlog book. This should be accessible to the Residential Home Manager and the Headteacher as required.
- This risk assessment will be reviewed every year and when significant changes have occurred to the water system and/or building footprint.

The risks from legionella are mitigated by the following:

- temperature checks
- heating of water

## 6.3 Asbestos

- Staff are briefed on the hazards of asbestos, the location of any asbestos in the school and the action to take if they suspect they have disturbed it.
- Arrangements are in place to ensure that contractors are made aware of any asbestos on the premises and that it is not disturbed by their work.
- Contractors will be advised that if they discover material which they suspect could be asbestos, they will stop work immediately until the area is declared safe.
- A record is kept of the location of asbestos that has been found on the school site.

## 7. Equipment

- All equipment and machinery are maintained in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. In addition, maintenance schedules outline when extra checks should take place.
- When new equipment is purchased, it is checked to ensure that it meets appropriate educational standards.

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- All equipment is stored in the appropriate storage containers and areas. All containers are labelled with the correct hazard sign and contents.

## 7.1 Electrical equipment

- All staff are responsible for ensuring that they use and handle electrical equipment sensibly and safely.
- Any student or visitor, who handles electrical appliances, does so under the supervision of the member of staff who so directs them.
- Any potential hazards will be reported to the School Business Manager immediately.
- Permanently installed electrical equipment is connected through a dedicated isolator switch and adequately earthed.
- Only trained staff members can check plugs.
- Portable Appliance Testing (PAT) is carried out annually by RMF Electrics
- All isolator switches are clearly marked to identify their machine.
- Electrical apparatus and connections will not be touched by wet hands and will only be used in dry conditions.
- Maintenance, repair, installation, and disconnection work associated with permanently installed or portable electrical equipment is only carried out by a competent person.

## 7.2 PE equipment

- Students are taught how to carry out and set up PE equipment safely and efficiently. Staff check that equipment is set up safely.
- Any concerns about the condition of apparatus or flooring must be reported to the Headteacher.



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## 7.3 Display screen equipment

- All staff who use computers daily as a significant part of their normal work have a display screen equipment (DSE) assessment carried out. 'Significant' is taken to be continuous/near continuous spells of an hour or more at a time.
- Staff identified as DSE users are entitled to an eyesight test for DSE use upon request, and at regular intervals thereafter, by a qualified optician (and corrective glasses provided if required specifically for DSE use).

## 7.4 Specialist equipment

- Parents/carers are responsible for the maintenance and safety of their children's wheelchairs. In school, staff promote the responsible use of wheelchairs.
- Oxygen cylinders are stored in a designated space, and staff are trained in the removal storage and replacement of oxygen cylinders.

## 8. Lone working

- Lone working may include:
- Late working
- Home or site visits
- Weekend working.
- Site manager duties
- Site cleaning duties
- Working in a single occupancy office

Potentially dangerous activities, such as those where there is a risk of falling from height, will not be undertaken when working alone. If there are any doubts about the task to be performed, then the task will be postponed a time where any risk can be managed appropriately.

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If lone working is to be undertaken, a colleague, friend or family member will be informed about where the member of staff is and when they are likely to return.

The lone worker will ensure that they are medically fit to work alone.

## **9. Working at height**

We will ensure that work is properly planned, supervised, and carried out by competent people with the skills, knowledge, and experience to do the work.

In addition:

- Students are strictly prohibited from using ladders.
- Staff must wear appropriate footwear and clothing when using ladders.
- Contractors are expected to provide their own ladders for working at height.
- Before using a ladder, staff are expected to conduct a visual inspection to ensure its safety. Staff are also expected to complete a ladder checklist – see the Headteacher or the School Business Manager before proceeding.
- Access to high levels, such as roofs, is only permitted by trained persons.

## **10. Manual handling**

Individuals must use their own judgement and assess their own limits to determine whether they are fit and/or able to lift or move equipment and furniture. If an individual feels that to lift an item could result in injury or exacerbate an existing condition, they must ask for assistance.

The school will ensure that proper mechanical aids and lifting equipment are available if required, and that staff are trained in how to use them safely.

Staff and students are expected to use the following basic manual handling procedure:

- Plan the lift and assess the load. If it is awkward or heavy, use a mechanical aid, such as a trolley, or ask another person to help.

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- Take the more direct route that is clear from obstruction and is as flat as possible.
- Ensure the area where you plan to offload the load is clear.
- When lifting, bend your knees and keep your back straight, feet apart and angled out. Ensure the load is held close to the body and firmly. Lift smoothly and slowly and avoid twisting, stretching, and reaching where practicable.

## 11. Off-site visits

When taking students off the school premises, we will ensure that:

- Risk assessments are completed for off-site visits and activities.
- All off-site visits are appropriately staffed.
- Staff will take a school mobile phone, a first aid kit (if required and some places will have these available as well as being available in all school vehicles), information about any medical needs of the student(s), along with any required emergency contact details.
- There will always be at least one first aider on school trips and visits.
- For other trips, there will always be at least one first aider available and in attendance.

## 12. Lettings

This policy applies to lettings. Those who hire any aspect of the school site or any facilities will be made aware of the content of the school's health and safety policy and will have responsibility for complying with it.

## 13. Violence at work

We believe that staff should not be in any danger at work and will not tolerate any violent or threatening behaviour towards our staff.

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All staff will report any incidents of aggression or violence (or near misses) directed to themselves, to the Headteacher immediately. This applies to violence from students, visitors, and/or other staff.

## **14. Smoking**

Smoking is not permitted anywhere on the school premises. However, given the trauma our students have suffered – when students are caught smoking, they will be challenged and will be offered an opportunity to take part in the smoking cessation programme.

## **15. Infection prevention and control**

We follow national guidance published by Public Health England when responding to infection control issues. We will encourage staff and students to follow this good hygiene practice, outlined below, where applicable.

### **15.1 Handwashing**

- Wash hands with liquid soap and warm water, and dry with paper towels.
- Always wash hands after using the toilet, before eating or handling food, and after handling animals
- Cover all cuts and abrasions with waterproof dressings.

### **15.2 Coughing and sneezing**

- Cover mouth and nose with a tissue.
- Wash hands after using or disposing of tissues.
- Spitting is discouraged.

### **15.3 Personal protective equipment**

- Wear disposable non-powdered vinyl or latex-free CE-marked gloves and disposable plastic aprons where there is a risk of splashing or contamination with blood/body fluids (for example, nappy or pad changing)
- Wear goggles if there is a risk of splashing to the face.

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- Use the correct personal protective equipment when handling cleaning chemicals.

## **15.4 Cleaning of the environment**

- Clean the environment, including toys and equipment, frequently and thoroughly.

## **15.5 Cleaning of blood and body fluid spillages**

- Clean up all spillages of blood, faeces, saliva, vomit, nasal and eye discharges immediately and wear personal protective equipment.
- When spillages occur, clean using a product that combines both a detergent and a disinfectant and use as per manufacturer's instructions. Ensure it is effective against bacteria and viruses and suitable for use on the affected surface.
- Never use mops for cleaning up blood and body fluid spillages – use disposable paper towels and discard clinical waste as described below.
- Make spillage kits available for blood spills.
- Mops and cleaning equipment are colour coded and a key is available. Please refer to the key and ensure that the correct equipment is used.

## **15.6 Laundry**

- Wash laundry in a separate dedicated facility.
- Wash soiled linen separately and at the hottest wash the fabric will tolerate.
- Wear personal protective clothing when handling soiled linen.
- Bag children's soiled clothing to be sent home, never rinse by hand. Red bags can be used then soiled clothes can be added to the washing machine whilst remaining inside the red bags.

## **15.7 Clinical waste**

- Always segregate domestic and clinical waste, in accordance with local policy
- Used nappies/pads, gloves, aprons, and soiled dressings are stored in correct clinical waste bags in foot-operated bins.

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- Remove clinical waste with a registered waste contractor.
- Remove all clinical waste bags when they are two-thirds full and store in a dedicated, secure area while awaiting collection.

## **15.8 Animals**

- Wash hands before and after handling any animals.
- Keep animals' living quarters clean and away from food areas.
- Dispose of animal waste regularly and keep litter boxes away from students.
- Supervise students when playing with animals.
- Seek veterinary advice on animal welfare and animal health issues, and the suitability of the animal as a pet.

## **15.9 Students vulnerable to infection**

Some medical conditions make students vulnerable to infections that would rarely be serious in most children. The school will normally have been made aware of such vulnerable children. These children are particularly vulnerable to chickenpox, measles, and/or slapped cheek disease (parvovirus B19) and, if exposed to either of these, the parent/carers must be informed promptly, and further medical advice sought. We will advise these children to have additional immunisations, for example for pneumococcal and influenza.

## **15.10 Exclusion periods for infectious diseases**

The school will follow recommended exclusion periods outlined by Public Health England, summarised in appendix 4.

In the event of an epidemic/pandemic, we will follow advice from Public Health England about the appropriate course of action.

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## **16. New and expectant mothers**

Risk assessments will be carried out whenever any employee or student notifies the school that they are pregnant.

Appropriate measures will be put in place to control risks identified. Some specific risks are summarised below:

- Chickenpox can affect the pregnancy if a woman has not already had the infection. Expectant mothers should report exposure to antenatal carer and GP at any stage of exposure. Shingles is caused by the same virus as chickenpox, so anyone who has not had chickenpox is potentially vulnerable to the infection if they have close contact with a case of shingles.
- If a pregnant woman encounters someone with measles or German measles (rubella), she should inform her antenatal carer and GP immediately to ensure investigation.
- Slapped cheek disease (parvovirus B19) can occasionally affect an unborn child. If exposed early in pregnancy (before 20 weeks), the pregnant woman should inform her antenatal care and GP as this must be investigated promptly.

## **17. Occupational stress**

We are committed to promoting high levels of health and wellbeing and recognise the importance of identifying and reducing workplace stressors through risk assessment. Systems are in place within the school for responding to individual concerns and monitoring staff workloads.

## **18. Wasps/bees nests**

Any nests that appear on the building, will be reported to Pest control to dispose of. Staff will keep students away from the nest to prevent them being stung.

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## 19. Accident reporting

### 19.1 Accident record book

- In line with GDPR, all accidents will now be recorded on ClearCare and can be logged by any of the school's first aiders.

### 19.2 Reporting to the Health and Safety Executive

The Headteacher will keep a record of any accident which results in a reportable injury, disease, or dangerous occurrence as defined in the RIDDOR 2013 legislation (regulations 4, 5, 6 and 7).

The Headteacher will report these to the Health and Safety Executive as soon as is reasonably practicable and in any event within 10 days of the incident.

If the Headteacher is unavailable then the School Business Manager will assume this role.

Reportable injuries, diseases or dangerous occurrences include:

- Death
- Specified injuries. These are:
  - Fractures, other than to fingers, thumbs, and toes
  - Amputations
  - Any injury likely to lead to permanent loss of sight or reduction in sight.
  - Any crush injury to the head or torso causing damage to the brain or internal organs.
  - Serious burns (including scalding)
  - Any scalping requiring hospital treatment.
  - Any loss of consciousness caused by head injury or asphyxia.
  - Any other injury arising from working in an enclosed space which leads to hypothermia or heat-induced illness or requires resuscitation or admittance to hospital for more than 24 hours.
- Injuries where an employee is away from work or unable to perform their normal work duties for more than 7 consecutive days.



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- Where an accident leads to someone being taken to hospital
- Where something happens that does not result in an injury but could have done.
- Near-miss events that do not result in an injury but could have done.  
Examples of near miss events relevant to schools include, but are not limited to:
  - The collapse or failure of load-bearing parts of lifts and lifting equipment.
  - The accidental release of a biological agent likely to cause severe human illness.
  - The accidental release or escape of any substance that may cause a serious injury or damage to health.
  - An electrical short circuit or overload causing a fire or explosion.

Information on how to make a RIDDOR report is available here:

How to make a RIDDOR report – <http://www.hse.gov.uk/riddor/report.htm>

## **19.3 Notifying parents**

The DSL or School Business Manager will inform parents of any accident or injury sustained by a student, and any first aid treatment given, on the same day, or as soon as reasonably practicable.

## **19.4 Reporting child protection agencies**

The DSL or School Business Manager will notify the relevant local child protection agencies linked to the child of any serious accident or injury to, or the death of, a student whilst in the school's care.

## **19.5 Reporting to Ofsted**

The Headteacher will notify Ofsted of any serious accident, illness, or injury to, or death of, a pupil in the Early Years Foundation Stage while in the school's care. This will happen as soon as is reasonably practicable, and no later than 14 days after the incident.

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## 20. Training

Our staff are provided with health and safety training as part of their induction process. Staff who work in high-risk environments, such as in science labs or with woodwork equipment, or work with students with special educational needs (SEN), are given additional health and safety training.

## 21. Monitoring

This policy will be reviewed by the Headteacher every year.

Appendix 1. Fire safety checklist.

| > ISSUE TO CHECK                                                                      | > YES/NO |
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| Is fire-fighting equipment, including fire blankets, in place?                        | > YES    |
| Does fire-fighting equipment give details for the type of fire it should be used for? | > YES    |
| Are fire exits clearly labelled?                                                      | > YES    |
| Are fire doors fitted with self-closing mechanisms?                                   | > YES    |
| Are flammable materials stored away from open flames?                                 | > YES    |
| > ISSUE TO CHECK                                                                      | > YES/NO |
| Do all staff and students understand what to do in the event of a fire?               | > YES    |
| Can you easily hear the fire alarm from all areas?                                    | > YES    |

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## Appendix 2. Accident report

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| <b>Name of injured person</b>                                                                                                                                  |  | <b>Role/class</b>           |  |
| <b>Date and time of incident</b>                                                                                                                               |  | <b>Location of incident</b> |  |
| <b>Incident details</b>                                                                                                                                        |  |                             |  |
| <p>Describe in detail what happened, how it happened and what injuries the person incurred.</p>                                                                |  |                             |  |
| <b>Action taken</b>                                                                                                                                            |  |                             |  |
| <p>Describe the steps taken in response to the incident, including any first aid treatment, and what happened to the injured person immediately afterwards</p> |  |                             |  |
| <b>Follow-up action required</b>                                                                                                                               |  |                             |  |
| <p>Outline what steps the school will take to check on the injured person, and what it will do to reduce the risk of the incident happening again.</p>         |  |                             |  |

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| <b>Name of person attending the incident</b> |  |             |  |
| <b>Signature</b>                             |  | <b>Date</b> |  |

## Appendix 3. Asbestos record

| Location  | Product         | How much   | Surface coating | Condition   | Ease of access | Asbestos type | Comment |
|-----------|-----------------|------------|-----------------|-------------|----------------|---------------|---------|
| Roof      | Asbestos cement | Whole roof | None            | Fairly good | Difficult      | White         |         |
| Storeroom | Pipes           | 6 x 3m     | Metal case      | Good        | Medium         | Unknown       |         |

Appendix 4. Recommended absence period for preventing the spread of infection.

- This list of recommended absence periods for preventing the spread of infection is taken from non-statutory guidance for schools and other childcare settings from Public Health England. For each of these infections or complaints, there is further information in the guidance on the symptoms, how it spreads and some 'do's and don'ts' to follow that you can check.

| Infection or complaint          | Recommended period to be kept away from school or nursery                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
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| <b>Athlete's foot</b>           | None.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Campylobacter</b>            | Until 48 hours after symptoms have stopped.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Chicken pox (shingles)</b>   | Cases of chickenpox are generally infectious from 2 days before the rash appears to 5 days after the onset of rash. Although the usual exclusion period is 5 days, all lesions should be crusted over before children return to nursery or school.<br><br>A person with shingles is infectious to those who have not had chickenpox and should be excluded from school if the rash is weeping and cannot be covered or until the rash is dry and crusted over. |
| <b>Cold sores</b>               | None.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Rubella (German measles)</b> | 5 days from appearance of the rash.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Hand, foot, and mouth</b>    | Children are safe to return to school or nursery as soon as they are feeling better, there is no need to stay off until the blisters have all healed.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Impetigo</b>                 | Until lesions are crusted and healed, or 48 hours after starting antibiotic treatment.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |

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| <b>Measles</b>  | Cases are infectious from 4 days before onset of rash to 4 days after, so it is important to ensure cases are excluded from school during this period. |
| <b>Ringworm</b> | Exclusion not needed once treatment has started.                                                                                                       |
| <b>Scabies</b>  | The infected child or staff member should be excluded until after the first treatment has been carried out.                                            |

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| <b>Scarlet fever</b>                                           | Children can return to school 24 hours after commencing appropriate antibiotic treatment. If no antibiotics have been administered the person will be infectious for 2 to 3 weeks. If there is an outbreak of scarlet fever at the school or nursery, the health protection team will assist with letters and factsheet to send to parents or carers and staff.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Slapped cheek syndrome, Parvovirus B19, Fifth's disease</b> | None (not infectious by the time the rash has developed).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Bacillary Dysentery (Shigella)</b>                          | Microbiological clearance is required for some types of shigella species prior to the child or food handler returning to school.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Diarrhoea and/or vomiting (Gastroenteritis)</b>             | <p>Children and adults with diarrhoea or vomiting should be excluded until 48 hours after symptoms have stopped and they are well enough to return. If medication is prescribed, ensure that the full course is completed and there is no further diarrhoea or vomiting for 48 hours after the course is completed.</p> <p>For some gastrointestinal infections, longer periods of exclusion from school are required and there may be a need to obtain microbiological clearance. For these groups, your local health protection team, school health advisor or environmental health officer will advise.</p> |

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|                                                | If a child has been diagnosed with cryptosporidium, they should NOT go swimming for 2 weeks following the last episode of diarrhoea.                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Cryptosporidiosis</b>                       | Until 48 hours after symptoms have stopped.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>E. coli<br/>(verocytotoxigenic or VTEC)</b> | The standard exclusion period is until 48 hours after symptoms have resolved. However, some people pose a greater risk to others and may be excluded until they have a negative stool sample (for example, pre-school infants, food handlers, and care staff working with vulnerable people). The health protection team will advise in these instances. |
| <b>Food poisoning</b>                          | Until 48 hours from the last episode of vomiting and diarrhoea and they are well enough to return. Some infections may require longer periods (local health protection team will advise).                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Salmonella</b>                              | Until 48 hours after symptoms have stopped.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Typhoid and Paratyphoid fever</b>           | Seek advice from environmental health officers or the local health protection team.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Flu (influenza)</b>                         | Until recovered.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |

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| <b>Tuberculosis (TB)</b>          | Students and staff with infectious TB can return to school after 2 weeks of treatment if well enough to do so and if they have responded to anti-TB therapy. Students and staff with non-pulmonary TB do not require exclusion and can return to school as soon as they are well enough.                                             |
| <b>Whooping cough (pertussis)</b> | A child or staff member should not return to school until they have had 48 hours of appropriate treatment with antibiotics, and they feel well enough to do so or 21 days from onset of illness if no antibiotic treatment.                                                                                                          |
| <b>Conjunctivitis</b>             | None.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Giardia</b>                    | Until 48 hours after symptoms have stopped.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Glandular fever</b>            | None (can return once they feel well).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Head lice</b>                  | None.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Hepatitis A</b>                | Exclude cases from school while unwell or until 7 days after the onset of jaundice (or onset of symptoms if no jaundice, or if under 5, or where hygiene is poor. There is no need to exclude well, older children with good hygiene who will have been much more infectious prior to diagnosis.                                     |
| <b>Hepatitis B</b>                | Acute cases of hepatitis B will be too ill to attend school and their doctors will advise when they can return. Do not exclude chronic cases of hepatitis B or restrict their activities. Similarly, do not exclude staff with chronic hepatitis B infection. Contact your local health protection team for more advice if required. |
| <b>Hepatitis C</b>                | None.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |



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| <b>Meningococcal meningitis/septicaemia</b>               | If the child has been treated and has recovered, they can return to school.                                          |
| <b>Meningitis</b>                                         | Once the child has been treated (if necessary) and has recovered, they can return to school. No exclusion is needed. |
| <b>Meningitis viral</b>                                   | None.                                                                                                                |
| <b>MRSA (methicillin resistant Staphylococcus aureus)</b> | None.                                                                                                                |
| <b>Mumps</b>                                              | 5 days after onset of swelling (if well).                                                                            |
| <b>Threadworm</b>                                         | None.                                                                                                                |
| <b>Rotavirus</b>                                          | Until 48 hours after symptoms have subsided.                                                                         |