Waterfall House Bespoke Day Care

Exclusion periods of infectious diseases

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| **Disease** | **Exclusion Period** | **Infection spread by:** |
| Hepatitis A | 1 week after onset of symptoms | Faecal-Oral route |
| Whooping  Cough | Until child has either been on antibiotics  for 5 days or 4 weeks after onset of  intense coughing | Air borne |
| Hand-Foot &  Mouth | 5 days | Fluid from blisters  Faeces from infected child |
| Impetigo | 24 hours after treatment begins and  child no longer has a discharge | Direct contact with discharge from lesions |
| Measles | Until 5 days after rash appears | Airborne |
| Mumps | Until 9 days after swelling begins or until  swelling subsides | Saliva, secretions from  respiratory tract & urine from infected child |
| Conjunctivitis | None  (Preferably being treated with eye medication.) | Direct contact with discharge from the eyes & nasal secretions |
| Rubella | Until 6 days after the onset of the rash | Airborne & infected secretions |
| Scarlet fever | Until 24 hours after start of antibiotics  and no fever for 24 hours | Airborne |
| Gastroenteritis | From between 1-10 days until vomiting  & diarrhoea ceases | Close contact with infected child |
| Scabies | Until 24 hours after treatment has been  completed | Skin to skin contact |
| Ringworm | Until after treatment has been completed | Direct contact with a child or animal infected with the fungus |
| Head lice | Until after treatment has been completed | Direct head to head contact |
| Diarrhoea &  Vomiting | Until the child has been clear of all  symptoms for 48 hours | Contact with stools & then  touching mouth |
| Cold sores | None | Direct contact with the lesions |
| Chicken pox | Until 6 days after rash begins or when all  blisters have formed scabs | Exposure to respiratory tract secretions or fluid from open sores |
| Antibiotics | Until the child has had their 2nd day of dosage. |  |
| Pandemic Flu  e.g. Swine Flu | Until the child has been treated and clear of all symptoms. | Airborne and infected surfaces |

Some illnesses do not hold an exclusion period, however on page 27 of the Early Years Foundation Stage standards, it states:

“The provider must promote the good health of the children, take necessary steps to prevent the spread of infection, and take appropriate action when they are ill.”

Therefore, some children may need to be excluded to prevent the spread of infection.

In the event that more than 2 children fall ill a notice will be put on the front door and in the reception area, this will notify parents and ask them to be vigilant for any symptoms their child might develop.