

Guidance on infection control.

Brenchley Pre-school Limited can take necessary steps to prevent the spread of infection / cross-contamination taking appropriate action by asking you to collect your child for isolation and or treatment.



Prevent the spread of infections by ensuring routine immunisation, high standards of personal hygiene and practice, particularly handwashing and maintaining a clean environment.

	Recommended period to be kept away from Preschool.	Comments
Antibiotics Prescribed by doctor	First 2 days at home	Antibiotics can be administered at pre-school should your prescription state 4 times a day
Athlete's Foot	None – treatment is recommended	Please inform preschool
Head Lice	None - if re-infected within a short period of time (24 hours)	Treatment is required.
Impetigo	Until skin is healed	Antibiotic treatment speeds healing and reduces the infectious period
Temperature	Must be off for 48 hours after symptoms have subsided	NOT to be suppressed by medication
Vomiting	Must be off for at least 48 hours after symptoms have subsided	
Diarrhoea	Must be off for at least 48 hours after symptoms have subsided	
Conjunctivitis	Kept at home for 48 hours, thereafter when eyes are no longer weeping	Seek medical advice, treatment required.
Chickenpox	Kept at home for 7 days, until blisters have completely scabbed over and dry.	Contact pre-school so pregnant mothers are informed
Measles	7 days from onset of rash	Preventable by vaccination (MMRx2)
Mumps	Until the swelling has subsided and in no case less than 7 days from onset.	Preventable by vaccination (MMRx2)
Rubella (German Measles)	7 days from appearance of the rash	Contact pre-school so pregnant mothers are informed
Fifth Disease (Slapped Cheek)	Until clinically well – no fever	Contact pre-school so pregnant mothers are informed
Tonsillitis, Scarlet Fever, Streptococcal of the throat	In no case for less than 5 days from the start of appropriate medical treatment	Antibiotic treatment is recommended for affected child
Flu (influenza) or COVID 19	Until recovered or a negative test result for COVID	
Gastroenteritis, food poisoning, salmonella, e-coli and shigella	Until authorised by District Community Physician	Further exclusion may be required as children may have difficulty in adhering to hygiene practices
Planta warts (Verrucas)	No exclusion – should be treated and covered Highly contagious	If child has verrucas, they will be refraining from activities involving bare feet including PE in school hall
Infective hematities	7 days from onset of jaundice	
Ringworm of scalp	Until cured	Treatment required.
Ringworm of body	Seldom necessary to exclude, provided threatment is given	Treatment required.
Meningococcal infection	Until recovered from the illness	
Hepatitis A	7 days from onset	
Tuberculosis	Until declared free from infection by the District Community Physician	
Typhoid fever and paratyphoid	Until declared free from infection by the District Community Physician	
Whooping Cough	Five daysbfrom starting antibiotic treatment or 21 Days if no antibiotic treatment.	Preventable by vaccination.

