

Westacre Montessori School

Infection Control Policy 2025

Children who are unwell with an illness or infectious disease should not be attending school.

Once they are better they may return unless they are a risk to others .

They should not return until the risk has passed .

Details for Asthma Protocol are at the end of the policy .

MINIMUM PERIOD TO BE KEPT AWAY FROM NURSERY SCHOOL

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| Chicken Pox | At least 5 days from the onset of rash until spots have crusted over . |
| Conjunctivitis | At least 36 hours of treatment and until there is no further discharge /redness from the eyes and ointment |
| Diarrhoea & Vomiting | 48 hours from the last episode of diarrhoea or vomiting . |
| Diphtheria. | Exclusion is essential until recovered. |
| German Measles | 6 days from onset of rash |
| Hand Foot & Mouth | Once spots and lesions are no longer blistering and healed |
| Head Lice. | Once treatment has been given |
| Hepatitis A. | 7 days from onset of jaundice or symptoms (if no jaundice) |
| Impetigo. | Until lesions are healed over ,pls seek medical advice . |
| Measles. | 5 days from onset of rash |
| Mumps. | 5 days from onset of swollen glands |
| Ringworm. | 24 hours of treatment or longer if specified by GP |
| Scabies. | Until properly treated (treatment to include all in the house) |
| Scarlet fever. | 5 days from commencing antibiotic treatment . |
| Shingles. | 5 days from onset of rash . |
| Slapped cheek (Parvovirus) | As specified by GP . Any pregnant woman must be alerted to the infection. |
| Tonsillitis | As specified by GP |
| Threadworms | 24 hours of treatment or as specified by GP |
| Whooping cough. | 5 days from commencing antibiotic treatment or 21 days if no treatment taken. |

FEVER children with a fever may not return to school until their temperature has been normal for at least 24 hours (without medication keeping the temperature rather down)

Calpol / Nurofen as a precautionary measure , (adverse reactions , risk of infection) children who have been given these medications for whatever reasons should not be at school for 24 hrs following their administration.

If your child develops any form of infection / communicable disease please inform the school immediately.

This enabled us to take any necessary action to minimise the risk of infection to others and to inform any vulnerable persons .

ANTIBIOTICS/ Prescribed medication.

If your child has been prescribed with a course of antibiotics you must keep them off school for the first 48 hrs to avoid any allergic reaction at school . We will also refuse admittance at the door if your child appears to be ill or you if haven't notified us about the medicine. We advise parents to tell us 24 hrs beforehand if their child is taking antibiotics or a prescribed medicine so we can be aware for any allergic reaction . We also have to prepare paperwork for parents to sign .We cannot be held responsible for any side effects etc., if we have not been informed.

It is the school policy that if your child is ill enough to be on antibiotics they should be at home with you on the sofa .
They will be infectious to others if they come and also they will be too poorly to learn anything .

Asthma

We do have serious protocol and policies concerning Asthma.

We will only administer an inhaler if we have a management plan /protocol plan that we have put together with any information we have had from your doctor /consultant and the carer.

We will only administer an inhaler if we are given prior notice by email or telephone in the 24 hours before school starts .

We reserve the right to refuse entry if you do not inform us or if we do not have a plan in place .

If your child is breathless at home or has recently has breathing difficulties you should keep them at home .

Colds and Flu

If your child also has a very bad cold please do not to send them .

They won't be able to work with us or play co operatively with others if they're poorly

They are best at home on the sofa .

We will ring you and expect you to come and pick up if they are poorly at school .

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