

AFTER THE BELL | SICKNESS POLICY



Antibiotics

- Children must be excluded from care for the first **48 hours** on an antibiotic.
- Antibiotic bottles will be inspected by staff and parents must sign the consent form
- Management will be flexible in certain cases depending on the sickness.

Vomiting and Diarrhoea

- Children will be excluded from care for **48 hours** after their last episode

Temperatures

- Children will be excluded for **24 hours** after their last fever has settled. If a child has a temperature the child will be sent home.

Head lice

- Children will be excluded until cleared, all eggs must be removed from the head
- All girls must wear their head tied up

Conjunctivitis

- Children will be excluded until cleared.
- Brolene must be administered for the first 24 hours, if your child's eyes are not cleared then they will need an antibiotic. Brolene/antibiotics for conjunctivitis must be administered for a full 7 days as it often comes back if not thoroughly cleared.

Chicken Pox

- Children will be excluded for **5 - 7 days** until all the heads of the spots have scabbed

Hands foot and mouth

- The child will be excluded between **5-7 days** until the virus has cleared

Impetigo/cold sores

- In the case of impetigo, a child will be excluded from care until they have received treatment from a GP, they can return to care after **48 hours**

If your child is prone to cold sores, they can remain in care, but the cold sore itself must be covered with patches

Thrush

- If a child in nappies is found to have thrush on their bum they are allowed to remain in care while being treated however **toilet trained children must remain home while being treated.**
- Children with Oral thrush will be excluded while treated

Covid

Should a child test positive they must stay out for **5 days** and return with a negative test. If the child's parent/sibling tests positive you are asked to not enter the building for collections, we will deliver the child out to you. You are also asked to not send your child in with any symptoms and to carry out regular testing.