When can my child return to school?

Chicken Pox

5 days from onset of rash and all the spots have crusted over

Conjunctivitis

No need to stay off, but school or nursery should be informed

Diarrhoea & Vomiting

48 hours from the last symptoms

Glandular Fever

No need to stay off, but school or nursery should be informed



Hand, foot & mouth

No need to stay off, but school or nursery should be informed

Head Lice

No need to stay off, but school or nursery should be informed

Impetigo

When lesions are crusted & healed or 48 hours after starting antibiotics

Measles or German Measles

4 days from onset of rash and recovered

Mumps

5 days from onset of swelling Scabies

After first treatment

Scarlet Fever

24 hours after starting antibiotics

Slapped Cheek

No need to stay off, but school or nursery should be informed

Threadworms

No need to stay off, but school or nursery should be informed

Tonsillitis

No need to stay off, but school or nursery should be informed

Whooping Cough

48 hours after starting antibiotics

If you are worried please seek further advice from your GP or community pharmacist.

*Vaccine preventable

Hand washing is one of the most important ways of controlling the spread of infections, especially those that cause diarrhoea and vomiting and respiratory disease. Liquid soap, warm water and paper towels are recommended. Supported by the Barnsley Health Protection Board. This information was correct at time of printing (August 2019). This information is based on health protection guidance from Public Health England on managing cases of infectious diseases in schools and other childcare settings. More information can be found at



