

**EXTRACT FROM *GUIDANCE ON INFECTION CONTROL IN SCHOOLS* ISSUED BY THE HEALTH PROTECTION AGENCY**

	<b>RECOMMENDED PERIOD AWAY FROM SCHOOL</b>	<b>ADDITIONAL INFORMATION/COMMENT</b>
<b>RASHES AND SKIN</b>		
Chicken Pox	5 days from onset of rash	Wait until the spots have healed or crusted over.
German Measles	6 days from onset of rash	The child is most infectious before the rash appears.
Impetigo	Until lesions are crusted or healed	Antibiotics may speed up healing.
Measles	4 days from onset of rash	Measles is now rare in the UK.
Ringworm	None	Treatment by the GP is important - scalp ringworm needs treatment with antibiotics.
Scarlet Fever	24 hrs from commencing antibiotics	Treatment recommended for the affected child.
Slapped Cheek	None	
Hand, Foot and Mouth	None	
<b>DIARRHOEA and VOMITING</b>		
Diarrhoea and/or vomiting	Until diarrhoea or vomiting has settled (no bout of illness in previous 48 hrs)	
<b>RESPIRATORY</b>		
Flu (influenza)	Until recovered	
Tuberculosis	Follow HPU advice	
Whooping cough	Five days from commencing antibiotic treatment, or 21 days from onset of illness if no antibiotic treatment	After treatment, non-infectious coughing may continue for many weeks.
<b>OTHERS</b>		
Conjunctivitis	None	Once treatment is commenced
Head lice	None	Treatment is recommended
Mumps	5 days from onset of swollen glands	
Threadworm	None	Treatment is recommended for the child and household contacts
Tonsillitis	None	There are many causes, but most cases are due to viruses and do not need an antibiotic