



## Diarrhoea & vomiting illness & Respiratory infections

Parents are requested to adopt the exclusion recommendations as detailed below in the interests of other children, staff and all families concerned.

### MINIMUM PERIODS OF EXCLUSION FROM THE NURSERY

Diarrhoea and vomiting illness	Recommended period to be kept away from school, nursery or childminders	Comments
Diarrhoea and/or vomiting	48 hours from last episode of diarrhoea or vomiting	
E. coli 0157 VTEC	Should be excluded for 48 hours from the last episode of diarrhoea.	Further exclusion is required for children aged five years or younger and those who have difficulty in adhering to hygiene practises.
Typhoid* {and paratyphoid*} (enteric fever)	Further exclusion may be required for some children until they are no longer excreting	Children in these categories should be excluded until there is evidence of microbiological clearance. This guidance may also apply to some contacts who may also require microbiological clearance.
Shigella (dysentery)		Please consult the Duty Room for further advice
Cryptosporidiosis	Exclude for 48 hours from the last episode of diarrhoea	Exclusion from swimming is advisable for two weeks after diarrhoea has settled

Respiratory infections	Recommended period to be kept away from school, nursery or childminders	Comments
Flu (influenza)	Until recovered	<i>See: Vulnerable Children</i>
Tuberculosis*	Always consult the Duty Room	Requires prolonged close contact for spread
Whooping cough* (pertussis)	48 hours from commencing antibiotic treatment, or 21 days from onset of illness if no antibiotic treatment	Preventable by vaccination. After treatment, non-infectious coughing may continue for many weeks. The Duty Room will organise any contact tracing necessary

*Extract from 'Guidance on infection control in schools and other child care settings' issued by the Health Protection Agency 2016 (Tel: 02076548000).*