



Infection Control Policy

INTRODUCTION

In order to avoid spreading infectious diseases, the following must be observed:

- Excluding children with infectious illnesses and infections for the recommended period of time (please see the [NHS Exclusion Guidelines](#) for further information on this, a guide of the more common illnesses and exclusion periods are shown below).
- Excluding all members of staff with infectious illnesses and infections for the recommended period of time.
- Identifying signs of illness in children and staff whilst they are in school.
- Informing parents and carers of sick children that their children are ill and arranging for them to be collected at the earliest opportunity.
- Limiting the contact of sick children with other children until they can be collected by families, taking into account the sensitivity of the situation and that the child does not feel bad as a result of any action.
- Preventing the spread of infection by adhering to the Escola Global health and safety policy.
- Reporting incidences of certain infections to other parents and members of staff whilst maintaining the anonymity of all children and members of staff involved.

Parents must inform us immediately if their child is diagnosed with an infectious complaint.

COMMON CHILDHOOD ILLNESSES

Children should be kept home after the start of the listed illness, for a period of time as follows:

Chicken pox	5 days (from rash or spots have healed / doctors advice)
Measles	2 weeks
Mumps	2 weeks
German Measles	1 week
Whooping Cough	3 weeks
Sickness / Diarrhoea	48 hours after both have ceased
Ringworm	Until treatment has commenced

HEAD LICE - To prevent recurring infections - PLEASE DO NOT BRING YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL UNTIL YOU HAVE TREATED THEM. CHILDREN CAN RETURN ONCE THEY HAVE BEEN TREATED OR ARE CLEAR OF HEAD LICE.

If your child is poorly whilst in our care you will be contacted to collect them immediately.