



## **Infectious and Communicable Diseases Policy**

### **Opening Statement**

Forest Park school is dedicated to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of its pupils; our policies and practices encompass the needs of all our children from Early Years to year 6 (for more details relating to Early Years see Early Years policy). It is the duty of all members of staff, both teaching and non-teaching, to play an active role in ensuring that each child's needs are met. Effective induction practices for all ITT, college and school students, volunteers and visitors aims to promote a consistent approach in meeting the needs of the whole school community.

Our school is committed to the health and safety of all children and staff who play, learn and work here. As such, it will sometimes be necessary to require a poorly child to be collected early from a session or be kept at home while they get better. In such cases, the provisions of the Health, Illness and Emergency policy will be implemented.

In accordance with the procedures set out in the Health, Illness and Emergency policy, parents/carers will be notified immediately if their child has become ill and needs to go home. Poorly children will be comforted, kept safe and under close supervision until they are collected.

If a child has had to go home prematurely due to illness, they should remain at home until they are better for at least 24 hours, or according to the times set out in the table below. If a member of staff becomes ill at work, similar restrictions on their return will apply.

If a child or member of staff becomes ill outside school hours, they should notify the school as soon as possible. The minimum exclusion periods outlined in the table below will then come into operation.

If any infectious or communicable disease is detected on the school's premises, the school will inform parents/carers personally in writing as soon as possible. The school is committed to sharing as much information as possible about the source of the disease and the steps being taken to remove it. Ofsted will also be informed of any infectious or communicable diseases discovered on the school's premises.

### ***Head lice***

When a case of head lice is discovered at the school, the situation will be handled carefully and safely. The child concerned will not be isolated from other children, and there is no need for them to be excluded from activities or sessions at the school.

When the child concerned is collected, their parent/carer will be informed in a sensitive manner.

Other parents/carers will be informed as quickly as possible in writing, including advice and guidance on treating head lice.

Staff should check themselves regularly for lice and treat whenever necessary.

**Minimum Exclusion Periods for Illness and Disease**

<i>DISEASE</i>	<i>PERIOD OF EXCLUSION</i>
Antibiotics prescribed	First 24 hours
Chicken Pox	7 days from when the rash first appeared
Conjunctivitis	24 hours or until the eyes have stopped 'weeping'
Diarrhoea	48 hours
Diphtheria	2-5 days
Gastro-enteritis, food poisoning, Salmonella and Dysentery	48 hours or until advised by the doctor
Glandular Fever	Until certified well
Hand, Foot and Mouth disease	During acute phase and while rash and ulcers are present
Hepatitis A	7 days from onset of jaundice & when recovered
Hepatitis B	Until clinically well
High temperature	24 hours
Impetigo	Until the skin has healed
Infective hepatitis	7 days from the onset
Measles	7 days from when the rash first appeared
Meningitis	Until certified well
Mumps	7 days minimum or until the swelling has subsided
Pediculosis (lice)	Until treatment has been given
Pertussis (Whooping cough)	21 days from the onset
Plantar warts	Should be treated and covered
Poliomyelitis	Until certified well
Ringworm of scalp	Until cured
Ringworm of the body	Until treatment has been given
Rubella (German Measles)	4 days from onset of rash
Scabies	Until treatment has been given
Scarlet fever and streptococcal infection of the throat	3 days from the start of the treatment
Tuberculosis	Until declared free from infection by a doctor
Typhoid fever	Until declared free from infection by a doctor
Warts (including Verrucae)	Exclusion not necessary. Sufferer should keep feet covered.

This list is not necessarily exhaustive, and staff are encouraged to contact local health services if they are in any doubt.