



Infectious & Communicable Diseases

PopSOC demonstrates a commitment to all children, parents, staff and Committee members who work, play or volunteer at the club. Therefore it is, on occasion, necessary to protect the rest of the public by insisting that a child who is unwell be collected early from a session and be kept at home over the period of their recovery.

In accordance with the procedures set out in the Health, Illness & Emergency Policy, parent/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. They will be kept in one of the smaller rooms, with a companion if they wish, where the environment can be more easily controlled and they will be provided with water to sip and a blanket to be comforted by.

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 club hours, they should notify PopSOC 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 within the club, parent/carers will be informed in writing as soon as possible. PopSOC 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 premises.

PopSOC will keep available to the staff a list of the signs and symptoms of many childhood illnesses.

Head Lice

When a case of head lice is discovered at the club, the situation will be handled carefully, safely and sensitively. 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 club.

When the child concerned is collected, their parent/carer will be informed in a sensitive manner. Other parent/carers will be informed as quickly as possible in writing.

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

Minimum Exclusion Periods For Illness & Disease

<u>DISEASE</u>	<u>PERIOD OF EXCLUSION</u>
Antibiotics, prescribed	First 24 hours
Chicken Pox	7 days from when rash first appeared
Conjunctivitis	24 hours, or until the eyes have stopped 'weeping'
Diarrhoea	24 hours
Diphtheria	2-5 days
Gastroenteritis, Food Poisoning, Dysentery, Salmonella	24 hours, or until advised by the doctor
Glandular Fever	Until certified well
Hand, Foot & Mouth Disease	During acute phase and while rash and ulcers are present
Hepatitis A	7 days from onset of jaundice, thereafter until recovered
Hepatitis B	Until clinically well
High Temperature	24 hours
Impetigo	Until the skin has healed
Infective Hepatitis	7 days from onset
Measles	7 days from when rash first appeared
Meningitis	Until certified well
Mumps	7 days minimum, thereafter until swelling has subsided
Pediculosis (Lice)	Until treatment has been given
Pertussis (Whooping Cough)	21 days from onset
Plantar Warts	Should be treated and covered

Poliomyelitis	Until certified well
Ringworm of scalp	Until cured
Ringworm of body	Until treatment has been given
Rubella (German Measles)	4 days from onset of rash
Scabies	Until treatment has been given
Scarlet Fever & Streptococcal Infection of the Throat	3 days from start of treatment
Tuberculosis	Until declared free from infection by GP
Typhoid Fever	Until declared free from infection by GP
Warts; Verrucae	Exclusion not necessary – affected areas to be kept covered.

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

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