



ROCKS AND PEBBLES LTD



Rocks and Pebbles Infectious and Communicable Diseases Policy

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Infectious and Communicable Diseases Policy

Rocks and Pebbles are 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 that 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 Illness and Accidents policy will be implemented.

In accordance with the procedures set out in the Illness and Accidents 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 Club hours, they should notify the Club 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 Club's premises, the Club will inform parents/carers personally in writing as soon as possible. The Club 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 Club's premises.

Head lice

When a case of head lice is discovered at the Club, 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 Club.

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 guidelines on treating head lice.

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

Minimum Exclusion Periods for illness and Disease

| Disease | Period of Exclusion |
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| Antibiotics prescribed | First 24 hours |
| Chicken Pox | 7 days from rash first appearing |
| Conjunctivitis | 24 hours or until weeping stops |
| Diarrhoea | 24 hours |
| Diphtheria | 2-5 days |
| Gastro-enteritis, food poisoning, Salmonella, Dysentery | 24 hours or until advised by GP |
| Glandular Fever | Until certified well |

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| Hand, Foot and Mouth disease | During acute stage and while rash/ulcers 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 rash first appeared |
| Meningitis | Until certified well |
| Mumps | 7 days minimum or 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 |
| 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 necessary exhaustive, and staff are encouraged to contact local health service if they are in any doubt.

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