



## **Infectious Diseases**

Please find below guidelines issued for information, this is not an inclusive list of all matters. Please contact the school if you require any explanation on any of the points or you have any questions regarding an infectious disease your child may have. Parents should inform the school as soon as possible if their child is suffering from an infectious disease.

### **Sickness and Diarrhoea (including E-Coli and Cryptosporidiosis)**

Children who are sick or have an episode of diarrhoea should remain at home for a period of at least 48 hours after the last episode. Children should not swim for 2 weeks after an instance of diarrhoea. In the case of E-Coli children must be excluded until there is evidence of microbiological clearance.

### **Chicken Pox**

Children should remain at home until all spots have scabbed over.

### **Conjunctivitis**

This is highly contagious and easily spread by children. We therefore ask if your child is suffering from this infection, that they stay home until all redness and irritation has subsided. Treatment is now available over the counter at a pharmacy. Children should not swim until the condition has completely cleared.

### **Hand Foot and Mouth**

Children should stay off school until their temperature subsides and blisters and ulcers are no longer causing pain.

### **Headlice**

Parents should check their children's hair regularly. Children may return to school once their hair has been treated. We ask that children with shoulder length hair or longer wear it tied back and plaited.

### **Impetigo**

Impetigo is highly contagious and children must not come to school until all lesions are healed.

### **Ringworm**

Treatment is required, exclusion is not usually required, please follow the advice of your doctor or pharmacist.

### **Scarlet Fever**

A child can return to school 24 hours after antibiotic treatment has commenced.

### **Slapped Cheek**

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A child may return to school once the rash has fully developed. Parents must advise the school if their child develops this condition as it is a risk to pregnant women.

### **Threadworm**

This is a common illness and we will make parents aware if a case of Threadworm has been reported in their child's class. Encouraging children to wash their hands and keeping finger nails short can help prevent infection. Treatment is available at most pharmacies.

### **Warts and Verruca's**

Verruca socks must be worn when swimming to prevent the spread of infection.

### **Whooping Cough**

A child may return to school five days after starting antibiotic treatment, or 21 days after the onset if no antibiotic treatment.

This policy applies to all members of our school community, including those in our EYFS setting. Banstead Prep School is fully committed to ensuring that the application of this policy is non-discriminatory in line with the UK Equality Act (2010). Further details are available in the school's Equal Opportunity Policy document.

Banstead Prep School seeks to implement this policy through adherence to the procedures set out in the rest of this document. In line with our Provision of Information policy, this document is available to all interested parties on our website and on request from the School Office.

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