

When should my child return to school/ childcare?



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Chicken Pox

When scabs
are dry

Conjunctivitis

No need to
stay out*

Diarrhoea or Vomiting

48 hours
after the last
episode

Flu

5 days after
start of
illness

Glandular Fever

No need to
stay out*

Hand, foot & mouth

No need to
stay out*

Head Lice

No need to
stay out*

Impetigo

When scabs are
dry or 24 hours
after starting
antibiotics

Measles

4 days after
rash appears

Mumps

5 days after
swelling
appears

Scabies

After first
treatment

Scarlet Fever

24 hours
after starting
antibiotics

Slapped Cheek

No need to
stay out*

Threadworms

No need to
stay out*

Whooping Cough

5 days after
starting antibiotics
or 21 days after
start of illness

This information is based on the Management of
Infectious Diseases in Schools guidance document.

*No need to stay out if child is well but school or
childcare provider should be informed.