



When can I go back to school?



Rashes and skin infections	Recommended period to be kept away from school
Athlete's foot	None
Chickenpox	Five days from the onset of rash
Cold sores, (Herpes simplex)	None
German measles (rubella)	Six days from onset of rash
Hand, foot and mouth	None
Impetigo	Until lesions are crusted and healed, or 48 hours after commencing antibiotic treatment
Measles	Four days from onset of rash
Molluscum contagiosum	None
Ringworm	Exclusion not usually required
Roseola (infantum)	None
Scabies	Child can return after first treatment
Scarlet fever	Child can return 24 hours after commencing appropriate antibiotic treatment
Slapped cheek/fifth disease. Parvovirus B19	None
Shingles	Exclude only if rash is weeping and cannot be covered
Warts and Verrucae	None

Diarrhoea and vomiting illness	Recommended period to be kept away from school
Diarrhoea and/or vomiting	48 hours from last episode of diarrhoea or vomiting
E.coli 0157 VTEC	Should be excluded for 48 hours from the last episode of Diarrhoea
Typhoid (and paratyphoid) (enteric fever)	This guidance may also apply to some contacts who may require microbiological clearance

Respiratory infections	Recommended period to be kept away from school
Flu (influenza)	Until recovered
Tuberculosis	Always consult your local HPU
Whooping cough (pertussis)	5 days from commencing antibiotic treatment, or 21 days from onset of illness if no antibiotic treatment

Other infections	Recommended period to be kept away from school
Conjunctivitis	None
Head lice	None
Mumps	5 days after onset of swelling
Tonsillitis	None