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# Should I keep my child off school?

## Yes

### Until...

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| <b>Chickenpox</b>                                         | at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over                                                         |
| <b>Diarrhoea and Vomiting</b>                             | 48 hours after their last episode                                                                                                           |
| <b>Cold and Flu-like illness<br/>(including COVID-19)</b> | they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19 |
| <b>Impetigo</b>                                           | their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics                                                             |
| <b>Measles</b>                                            | 4 days after the rash first appeared                                                                                                        |
| <b>Mumps</b>                                              | 5 days after the swelling started                                                                                                           |
| <b>Scabies</b>                                            | they've had their first treatment                                                                                                           |
| <b>Scarlet Fever</b>                                      | 24 hours after they started taking antibiotics                                                                                              |
| <b>Whooping Cough</b>                                     | 48 hours after they started taking antibiotics                                                                                              |

## No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

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| <b>Hand, foot and mouth</b> | <b>Glandular fever</b> |
| <b>Head lice</b>            | <b>Tonsillitis</b>     |
| <b>Threadworms</b>          | <b>Slapped cheek</b>   |



### Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfec>.