

## **Illness Exclusion Period**

Home Childcare & Babysitting

We operate a 24 hour exclusion policy as recommended by environmental health.

Illness	Collection from Childcare	Minimum Exclusion Period
High Temperature	When the child's temp reaches 40 degrees, collection within 1 hour.	48 hours (unless okay in themselves)
Vomiting	If a child has vomited twice, collection within 1 hour.	48 hours
Diarrhoea	If a child has had two consecutive bowel movements, collection within 1 hour.	48 hours or until 2 clear nappies
Conjunctivitis	No collection necessary, carer to keep contact to a minimum and wash their hands.	24 hours from first application of prescribed medication
Chickenpox	No collection necessary.	5 days from appearance of last spot with spots scabbed over
Impetigo	Collection within 1 hour.	24 hours from first application of prescribed cream
Measles	No collection necessary.	7 days from the appearance of the rash
Scabies	Collection within 1 hour.	24 hours from treatment
Head Lice	No collection necessary.	Head lice treatment to be carried out twice before we will take them.
Slapped Cheek (fifth disease)	No collection necessary.	48 hours, longer if the child not clinically well
Ringworm	Collection within 1 hour.	3 days after the start of treatment
Worms	Collection within 1 hour.	1 week after treatment has started
Hand, Foot and Mouth (Coxsackie)	Collection within 1 hour.	Until blisters have healed
Ear Infections	No collection necessary.	Until ear has stopped weeping

NB. In the case that the Carer has other children in their care when your child becomes unwell the above collection times are void and collection is required as soon as possible. If your child has come into contact with other children the Company will inform their parents of illness but will maintain confidentiality.

We are unable to take care of children if they have any of the above illnesses, please note these exclusion periods are not only to protect from cross-infection. Children who are unwell are likely to develop secondary infections if their immune systems have not had sufficient time to recover. A child's ability to cope with group situations is greatly reduced when they are poorly, therefore our exclusion periods are aimed at ensuring the children are strong enough, emotionally and physically, to cope with the day.