

Illness absence

Parents of pupils at Ysgol Gwenffrwd Primary School are made aware that any child who is acutely unwell should be kept away from school until they are well enough to benefit and participate. In addition, even if they appear well, it is necessary to keep children who have certain infectious diseases away from school for an appropriate period, to help prevent others from becoming infected. Medical advice should always be obtained, however the table below provides guidance on appropriate absence periods for some common infections:

Disease	Absence period
Chickenpox	For 5 days after rash appears
Conjunctivitis	None
Diarrhoea and vomiting	Until 48 hours after the last episode of diarrhoea or vomiting
Hand, foot and mouth disease	None
Hepatitis A	Young children - 7 days after onset of jaundice. There is no need for older children with good hygiene to be absent, provided they are well enough to attend school
Impetigo	Until lesions are crusted or healed
Measles	For 5 days after rash appears
Mumps	For 5 days after onset of swollen glands
Pertussis (whooping cough)	For 5 days after commencing antibiotics
Ringworm	Until treatment is started
Rubella	(German measles) For 5 days after the onset of the rash
Scabies	Until treated
Scarlet fever	For 5 days after commencing antibiotics
Threadworms	None
Tuberculosis	Medical Advice should be obtained

Please refer to the Health Protection Agency document 'Guidance on infection control in schools and other childcare settings' for latest information.

Parents/carers will be asked to keep their children at home if they have any infection, and to inform the school as to the nature of the infection, so that the school can inform other