



## EXCLUSION OF CHILDREN WITH INFECTIOUS DISEASES AND WHO ARE ILL POLICY

The Staff of Meithrinfa Sêr Môr Beaumaris have a duty to the children who attend the Meithrinfa to look after their well being while in our care. We, as a Meithrinfa, and in accordance with the Department of Public Health and Medicine, ask parents **NOT** to send their child/children to the Meithrinfa with any of the following infectious diseases and illnesses:

- COVID 19
- Chickenpox
- Dysentery, Food Poisoning and Gastroenteritis
- Fifth Disease (Slapped Cheek Syndrome)
- Flu
- Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease
- Head Lice
- Hepatitis A
- Impetigo
- Measles
- Meningococcal Meningitis and Septicaemia
- Mumps
- Rubella (German Measles)
- Scabies
- Whooping Cough
- Vomiting and/or Diarrhoea

When the cause is unknown, any child with a rash, diarrhoea or who is generally unwell will be excluded from the Meithrinfa until medical advice has been obtained, or until the child has recovered. If any child arrives in the Meithrinfa who is generally unwell then a staff member will contact a parent/carer to come and collect the child immediately.

We reserve the right to refuse admission to a child who is unwell. The decision will be taken by the Manager or Person in Charge at the time, and is non-negotiable.

The Manager of the Meithrinfa will notify the Consultant in the Department of Public Health and Medicine of any outbreak of disease in the Meithrinfa.

## EXCLUSION PERIODS

If a child or member of staff becomes ill outside of operational hours, they should notify the setting as soon as possible. The minimum exclusion periods outlines below will then come into operation.

ILLNESS	EXCLUSION PERIOD
Antibiotics prescribed	24 hours of the course with at least 2 doses administered for medication that has not previously been prescribed.
Chickenpox	For 5 days after rash appears, and all lesions have crusted over
Conjunctivitis	None
COVID 19	Statutory isolation period and until the child is well in themselves
Diarrhoea and vomiting	Until 48 hours after the last episode of or vomiting
Diphtheria*	Excluded until Health Prevention Team advise return
E. Coli	Excluded for a minimum of 48 hours- Under 5s until evidence of microbiological clearance.
Gastro-enteritis, Food Poisoning	48 hours after the last symptom or until the GP
Glandular Fever	Until certified well
Hand, foot and mouth disease	During the acute phase when the child seems unwell and while the rash and ulcers are present
Headlice	Until treatment given
Hepatitis A*	Exclude young children for 7 days after onset of jaundice and when they have recovered. There is no need to exclude older children and adults with good hygiene
Hepatitis B*	Until clinically well
Impetigo	Until lesions are healed
Measles*	For 5 days after rash appears and until well in themselves
Meningococcal Meningitis*/Septicaemia*/Bacterial or Viral Meningitis*	Until certified well
MRSA	Until certified well
Mumps*	5 days minimum or until swelling has subsided

Norovirus	48 hours from last symptom
Plantar warts	Should be treated and covered
Ringworm of scalp	Until cured
Ringworm	Until treatment is started
Rubella ( <i>German measles</i> )	For 5 days after the onset of the rash
Scabies	Until treated
Scarlet fever	For 5 days after commencing antibiotics
Slapped Cheek/Fifth Disease/Parvo Virus B19	Until rash reduces
Tuberculosis	CCDC will advise on necessary action
Whooping cough ( <i>pertussis</i> )	For 5 days after commencing antibiotics or 21 days without anti-biotic treatment

\*denotes notifiable disease

**This list is not exhaustive. Please contact Health Professionals if in any doubt**