



Notifiable Diseases Policy

Policy statement

Pavilion Pre-School (Aigburth) CIO recognises its responsibility to protect children, families, staff and visitors from the spread of infectious diseases.

The setting will follow current guidance from the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA), the local Health Protection Team, the Department for Education and other relevant health authorities.

Staff will take appropriate action when a child, member of staff or visitor is suspected or confirmed to have an infectious disease. Parents and carers are expected to inform the setting promptly of any diagnosed infectious disease.

The setting will maintain confidentiality when dealing with infectious diseases and will only share information where this is necessary to protect public health, children, staff or other individuals.

What is a notifiable disease?

A notifiable disease is a disease which, by law, must be reported to the appropriate public health authority when a registered medical practitioner suspects that a person has the disease.

In England, registered medical practitioners have a legal duty to report suspected cases to the UK Health Security Agency. They must not wait for laboratory confirmation. Urgent diseases should be reported to the local Health Protection Team by telephone within 24 hours, with cases reported through the appropriate notification system within 3 days.

The setting itself does not diagnose diseases or replace the responsibilities of medical professionals. However, the setting must take appropriate action when informed of a suspected or confirmed disease and must contact the local Health Protection Team where UKHSA guidance requires this.



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Current statutory notifiable diseases – England

The following diseases are currently listed by UKHSA as notifiable in England:

Notifiable diseases

- Acute encephalitis
- Acute flaccid paralysis (AFP) or acute flaccid myelitis (AFM)
- Acute infectious hepatitis (A, B or C)
- Acute meningitis
- Acute poliomyelitis
- Anthrax
- Botulism
- Brucellosis
- Chickenpox (varicella)
- Cholera
- Congenital syphilis
- COVID-19
- Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease (CJD)
- Disseminated gonococcal infection (DGI)
- Diphtheria
- Enteric fever (typhoid or paratyphoid)
- Food poisoning
- Haemolytic uraemic syndrome (HUS)
- Hantavirus disease
- Infectious bloody diarrhoea
- Influenza of zoonotic origin
- Invasive Group A streptococcal disease (iGAS)
- Legionnaires' disease
- Leprosy
- Malaria
- Measles
- Meningococcal septicaemia
- Middle East respiratory syndrome (MERS)
- Mpox
- Mumps
- Neonatal herpes



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- Plague
- Rabies
- Rubella
- Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS)
- Scarlet fever
- Smallpox
- Tetanus
- Tuberculosis (TB)
- Typhus
- Viral haemorrhagic fever (VHF)
- Whooping cough (pertussis)
- Yellow fever

This is the current England list published by UKHSA, updated 19 May 2026.

Diseases particularly relevant to our setting

Although the statutory list above is important, staff should be aware that many infectious diseases encountered in preschool and wraparound care are not necessarily statutory notifiable diseases.

Examples include:

- Chickenpox
- Measles
- Mumps
- Rubella
- Whooping cough
- Scarlet fever
- Group A Streptococcus
- Hand, foot and mouth disease
- Norovirus
- Rotavirus
- Cryptosporidiosis
- Giardia
- Impetigo
- Ringworm



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- Scabies
- Conjunctivitis
- Influenza
- Respiratory infections
- Respiratory syncytial virus (RSV)
- Diarrhoea and vomiting

The setting will follow the current UKHSA exclusion guidance and will contact the local Health Protection Team where required.

Exclusion periods

The setting will follow the current UKHSA public health exclusion periods rather than relying on a fixed list that may become outdated.

Some important examples include:

Infection	Current exclusion
Chickenpox	5 days from appearance of rash
Measles	4 days from appearance of rash
Mumps	5 days from onset of swelling
Rubella	5 days from appearance of rash
Whooping cough	Until 2 days after starting antibiotics, or 21 days from onset if no antibiotics
Scarlet fever	24 hours after starting antibiotics
Impetigo	Until all blisters have crusted/scabbed or 2 days after starting antibiotics
Group A Strep	24 hours after starting antibiotics
Diarrhoea and vomiting	48 hours after symptoms have stopped
Norovirus	48 hours after diarrhoea/vomiting has stopped



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Cryptosporidiosis	48 hours after diarrhoea/vomiting has stopped
Ringworm	Until treatment has started
Flu	Until the child is better and no longer has a temperature
Hand, foot and mouth disease	No specific exclusion required
Conjunctivitis	No specific exclusion required
Slapped cheek syndrome	No specific exclusion required
Head lice	No specific exclusion required

Responsibilities of parents and carers

Parents/carers must inform the setting as soon as possible if their child:

- Has been diagnosed with a notifiable disease.
- Has been diagnosed with an infectious disease.
- Has been advised by a healthcare professional to remain away from the setting.
- Has symptoms which require exclusion under current UKHSA guidance.
- Has been admitted to hospital with a serious infectious illness.

Parents/carers should not send a child to preschool, breakfast club or after-school club when they are too unwell to participate comfortably in normal activities.

The setting may request that a child is collected if they become unwell while attending.



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When a child becomes unwell

If a child becomes unwell while attending the setting:

- Staff will assess the child's symptoms and wellbeing.
- The child will be cared for away from the main group where appropriate, while maintaining appropriate supervision.
- Parents/carers will be contacted where necessary.
- The child will be collected as soon as reasonably practicable where exclusion is required or the child is too unwell to remain.
- Staff will follow appropriate infection-control procedures.
- Areas, equipment and resources will be cleaned as appropriate.
- Any necessary records will be completed.

If a child has symptoms suggesting a serious infectious disease, staff will seek appropriate medical/public health advice.

When to contact the Health Protection Team

The setting will contact the local Health Protection Team when advised by UKHSA guidance or where there is concern about:

- A suspected or confirmed case of measles.
- Meningitis or meningococcal disease.
- Invasive Group A Streptococcal disease.
- Tuberculosis.
- Diphtheria.
- Mpox.
- Typhoid or paratyphoid.
- E. coli/STEC infection.
- A suspected serious infectious disease.
- Two or more linked cases of certain infections.
- An unusual increase in illness or absence.
- A suspected outbreak.
- Serious illness requiring hospitalisation where an infectious cause is suspected.
- Any situation where staff are unsure whether public health advice is required.



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Outbreaks

An outbreak may be suspected when there are several linked cases of the same infection or an unusual level of illness within the setting.

The setting will:

1. Record cases and dates of illness.
2. Monitor staff and children's absence.
3. Reinforce hand hygiene.
4. Increase cleaning where appropriate.
5. Ensure appropriate ventilation.
6. Remind parents/carers of exclusion requirements.
7. Seek advice from the Health Protection Team where appropriate.
8. Follow any additional measures recommended by public health professionals.
9. Maintain confidentiality regarding affected individuals.

Infection prevention

Pavilion Pre-School, Breakfast Club and After-School Club will maintain effective infection prevention measures, including:

- Regular handwashing with liquid soap and warm water.
- Paper towels or suitable hand-drying facilities.
- Supporting children to wash their hands at appropriate times.
- Cleaning frequently touched surfaces.
- Regular cleaning of toilets and changing areas.
- Appropriate cleaning of toys and equipment.
- Safe management of bodily fluids.
- Appropriate use of disposable gloves and aprons where required.
- Safe disposal of nappies and contaminated materials.
- Good respiratory hygiene.
- Appropriate ventilation.
- Exclusion of children and staff where required.
- Promoting appropriate vaccination and immunisation information.



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Confidentiality

Information relating to an individual's illness will be treated confidentially.

Staff will not identify an affected child or family when informing other parents/carers of an infectious disease or outbreak.

Where public health advice needs to be communicated, the setting will provide only information that is necessary and appropriate.

Staff illness

Staff must inform the Manager/Designated Person if they have an infectious disease or symptoms which may prevent them from safely working with children.

Staff will follow the same relevant exclusion requirements as children where applicable.

The setting will consider staffing arrangements carefully during outbreaks to ensure children remain appropriately supervised and safe.

Breakfast and After-School Clubs

This policy applies equally to:

- Preschool sessions
- Breakfast Club
- After-School Club

Children attending wraparound care may come from Sudley Primary School. Staff will therefore remain particularly alert to signs of infectious illness and outbreaks.

Where a child attending Breakfast Club or After-School Club is diagnosed with an infectious disease, the setting will consider whether other children or staff may have been exposed and will seek Health Protection Team advice where appropriate.



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Further guidance

The setting will refer to the latest:

- UKHSA Health Protection in Children and Young People's Settings, including Education
- UKHSA Public Health Exclusion Periods
- UKHSA A–Z of Infectious Diseases
- Local Health Protection Team advice
- NHS guidance
- Current Department for Education requirements

This policy was adopted in October 2026.

It will be reviewed annually or as and when required.

Last updated 05.10.26

Signed by Chair of Trustees:

Signed by Operations Manager: