



STUDENT ILLNESS POLICY

Mount Barker South Primary School is committed to ensuring the health and safety of all students, staff and the wider community. To demonstrate this commitment, we ask parents and students to adhere to the following recommendations and procedures.

Any child who is unwell should not attend school.

If a child displays symptoms of an infectious illness, they should be kept home from school to avoid transmission of the illness.

This can include, but is not limited to, fever (temperature above 37.2°C), nasal discharge, cough, sore throat, sneezing, earache, vomiting or diarrhoea.

If a child at school is displaying any of the symptoms mentioned above, or displays additional symptoms that staff deem may represent an acute illness, then a parent or caregiver will be phoned to collect the child to prevent possible transmission of an infectious illness.

Parents will be contacted to collect the child as soon as possible and the child will remain in a safe area of the school until someone is able to collect them.

In the event that a child is severely unwell, staff may deem it appropriate to phone an ambulance and seek medical attention for the child.

Unwell students will need to remain at home until they are well enough to return to class. If they continue to display any symptoms but is not limited to, fever (temperature above 37.2°C), nasal discharge, cough, sore throat, sneezing, earache, vomiting or diarrhoea they may need review by a doctor prior to returning to school to deem that they are fit to return and no longer contagious.

We ask that all children and visitors to the school wash their hands and adhere to strict hygiene principles.

Please see the recommended exclusion periods on the next page as per the SA Health guidelines.

We thank you for your assistance and understanding in valuing the health and safety of our families and community.

EXCLUSION PERIODS

Chickenpox

Exclude until all blisters have dried (usually 5 days)

Cold sores (herpes simplex type 1, fever blisters) - Young children and others unable to comply with good hygiene practices should be excluded while lesion is weeping. Lesions should be covered by a dressing where possible.

Conjunctivitis - Exclude until discharge from eyes has stopped.

Diarrhoea (no organism identified) - Exclude until no diarrhoea for at least 24 hours.

Food poisoning - Exclude until well – no vomiting or diarrhoea for at least 24 hours.

Hand, foot and mouth disease - Exclude until all blisters are dry.

Head lice - Exclude until appropriate treatment has commenced.

Influenza - Exclude until well - 7-10 days for children.

Measles - Exclude until 4 days after the onset of the rash.

Mumps - Exclude for 5 days after onset of swelling.

Norovirus - Exclude until no vomiting or diarrhoea for at least 24 hours.

Ringworm/tinea - Exclude until the day after appropriate treatment has commenced.

Rotavirus infection - Exclude until no vomiting or diarrhoea for at least 24 hours.

Rubella (German measles) - Exclude until fully recovered or for at least 4 days after the onset of the rash.

Salmonella infection - Exclude until no diarrhoea for at least 24 hours.

Scabies - Exclude until the day after appropriate treatment has commenced.

School sores (impetigo) - Exclude until appropriate treatment has commenced. Any sores on exposed surfaces should be completely covered with a dressing.

Shingles - Exclude until blisters have dried up unless rash can be covered with a dry dressing or clothing so others are not exposed.

Viral gastroenteritis (viral diarrhoea) - Exclude until no diarrhoea for at least 24 hours.

Whooping cough - Exclude from school until 5 days after starting antibiotic treatment, or for 21 days from the start of any cough.

Worms - If diarrhoea present, exclude until no diarrhoea for at least 24 hours