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Dear Parent/Guardian

## Infectious Diseases

At Merchant Taylors' Schools we believe the health and safety and welfare of our pupils and staff is of paramount importance. To help prevent the spread of infections within the School environment, it is vitally important to inform School should your son or daughter have an infectious disease. This will help to protect others pupils, especially those who may be immunosuppressed. It will also help us identify any outbreaks of sickness and diseases.

Merchant Taylors adhere to the Health Protection Agency (HPA) guidelines, which are part of Public Health England, with reference to recommended school absences for various diseases. Please refer to table below for the most common illnesses and guidance:-

Infectious Disease	Recommended period of time to keep away from School
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours from the <b>LAST</b> episode of diarrhoea and/or vomiting. It must also be noted swimming is <b>NOT</b> permitted for 2 weeks after the <b>LAST</b> episode of D&V
Chicken Pox/Measles	5 days from the onset of rash
Shingles	Exclude only if rash is weeping and cannot be covered
Impetigo	Until lesions are crusted or healed
Scarlet Fever	5 days after commencing antibiotics
Slapped cheek	None
Conjunctivitis	None
Glandular fever	None

Should you have any concerns or would like some advice, please either contact myself or [www.hpa.org.uk](http://www.hpa.org.uk)

Kind regards

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