

Information for schools and nurseries regarding management of infectious diseases

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Infectious diseases in children are common and children are particularly susceptible to infections due to their developing immune systems and the nature of how they play and interact. Some children may also be more susceptible as they may have underlying medical conditions or may not have had all their immunisations.

Outbreaks of infectious diseases such as diarrhoea and vomiting, or scarlet fever should be reported firstly to:

Public Health England Cheshire and Merseyside Health Protection Team

Suite 3B 3rd Floor Cunard Building
Water Street, Liverpool, L3 1DS
Telephone: 0344 225 0562 option 1

Public Health England provides guidance on infection control in schools and other childcare facilities, the management of outbreak of infectious illness, signs and symptoms of infectious diseases and exclusion periods:

[Health protection in schools and other healthcare facilities \(PHE, 2017\)](#)

Further support and advice can be obtained from **the Community Infection Control Team**, trained specialist nurses who are available to answer queries regarding:

- Infectious diseases and exclusion periods
- Managing outbreaks of diarrhoea and vomiting or other infectious diseases
- General advice on preventing the spread of infection in the school and nursery setting
- Advice regarding pregnant staff or children who may be more susceptible to infection

The nurses are available Monday to Friday 7:45am-4:45pm

Telephone: 01744 457314 or 01744 457312

Email: 3Boroughs.infectioncontrol@sthelensccg.nhs.uk

You can also visit the [NHS St Helens CCG website](#) which has lots of information for schools and nursery staff