



# WELLSFORD SCHOOL

---

2 September 2010

Dear Parents/Caregivers

It has come to our notice that a number of infectious conditions are affecting some of our students at the moment. Below is a guide, provided by the Ministry of Health, should your child/children show any symptoms of the following:

	<u>Time between exposure and sickness</u>	<u>This disease is spread by</u>	<u>Early signs</u>	<u>How long is the child infectious</u>	<u>Exclusion of child from school</u>
<b>Chickenpox</b>	13 – 17 days	Coughing and sneezing. Also direct contact with weeping blisters.	Fever and spots with a blister on top of each spot.	From up to 5 days before appearance of rash until lesions have crusted (usually about 5 days).	For one week from date of appearance of rash.
<b>Conjunctivitis</b> (viral or bacterial)	24 – 72 hours	Direct contact with discharge from the eyes or items that are contaminated with the discharge.	Irritation and redness of eye. Sometimes there is a discharge.	While there is a discharge from the eyes, the child is infectious.	While there is a discharge from the eyes.
<b>Scabies</b>	Days – weeks	Direct skin contact with the infected person, and sharing sheets and clothes.	Itchy rash in places such as forearm, around waist, between fingers, buttocks and under armpits.	24 hours after treatment is started.	24 hours after treatment is started.

Dave Bradley  
Principal