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Principal’s Welcome

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the preschool at Aranda Primary School. Starting preschool is an exciting step for children and brings a set of changes not only into the child’s life but also to that of the family. For all children there will be the discovery of new experiences, new friends, new feelings and new independence.

At Aranda Preschool we believe if parents and teachers work in partnership the change that starting preschool brings can be productive, positive and fun. You are the first and most important educators of your children and as teachers we build on the foundations you have provided.

There is a growing pool of research that shows young children’s learning can be enriched through play. In keeping with this we support children’s learning and development through a combination of child-led and adult-led play based learning, as well as active teacher-led learning. Please don’t hesitate to contact us if you have any queries or problems. We want your child to have a wonderful start to his/her school life.

Phil Gray
Principal
Aranda Primary School
CONTACT DETAILS

Education and Training Directorate Contact Details

- 13 2281 (62070494 TTY)
- www.act.gov.au

School Contact Details

- School Phone number: 6142 3030
  - Principal: Phil Gray
  - Deputy Principal: Kim McCormack
  - Executive Teacher Preschool: Sue Whitney

- School Fax number: (02) 6142 3033
- School Website: www.arandaps.act.edu.au
- School email: info@arandaps.act.edu.au
PHILOSOPHY STATEMENTS

Directorate Vision
That all young people in the ACT learn, thrive and are equipped with the skills to lead fulfilling, productive and responsible lives.

Directorate Values
Honesty, excellence, fairness and respect.

Aranda Primary School Mission Statement
“Caring Striving Learning Together” embodies a partnership of school and community in seeking excellence in all endeavours, within a warm and caring association of students, staff, parents and community. Aranda’s aims were clearly established at its very beginning: “A major aim of the school is to utilise the school environment in the establishment of social values. Stemming from the major premise are general aims which include concern for the harmonious development of the child, the fostering of individual aptitudes, the nurturing of personalities and the maintenance of social community relationships.” (District School Inspector 1970)

Aranda Primary School Philosophy
Aranda Primary School provides students with a quality education. Students learn both academic and social skills to become well rounded individuals who are prepared for life outside school. Students become critical thinkers, self-confident and able to contribute to society. They learn how to learn, interact with others and have fun.

Aranda Preschool Philosophy
Aranda Preschool acknowledges that all children and families have a range of unique backgrounds and experiences that must be recognised and celebrated. We believe in caring and respectful interactions that build confidence and a sense of belonging to the preschool and broader community.

We believe in a play-based approach to learning, valuing the unique learning style of each child and celebrating all forms of participation. We provide experiences and resources that inspire open-ended investigations, encouraging children to be active participants in their learning.

We hold a holistic view of the child, and strive to cater to the individual needs, interests, abilities and backgrounds of all. Educators recognise the significance of children’s play and interactions on future learning opportunities, and use methods of observation and reflection to influence planned experiences. The power of the teachable moment is embraced as children express interest and wonder in their environment.

We believe that children are innately creative, capable and inquisitive learners who are developing understandings about themselves, their community and their world.
Secure, respectful and reciprocal relationships

At our preschool, the educators:

- Ensure that the interests, abilities and culture of every child and their family are understood, valued and respected
- Encourage children as active participants for sustainability, influencing the quality of life now, and for future generations
- Respect the views and feelings of each child
- Initiate warm, trusting and reciprocal relationships with children
- Provide safe and stimulating environments for children
- Build on children’s prior learning and experiences to build continuity for their learning and development

Partnerships

At our preschool, the educators:

- Work with families to support children’s learning and development at home and in the community
- Use the family’s understanding of their children to support shared decision making about each child’s learning and development
- Create a welcoming and culturally inclusive environment where all families are encouraged to participate in and contribute to children’s learning and development experiences
- Are transparent and objective, and provide families with information about their children’s learning and development, and about what they can do to further support their children
- Work collaboratively to share information and plan to ensure holistic approaches to children’s learning and development
- Actively engage families and children in planning children’s learning and development
- Acknowledge the significance of transitions within and across early childhood services and schools, and ensure that children understand the process and have an active role in preparing for these transitions
High expectations and equity
At our preschool, the educators:

- Establish high expectations for all children’s learning and development
- Support children’s learning and development through a combination of child-led and adult-led play based learning, as well as active teacher-led learning
- Ensure that every child experiences success in their learning and development
- Recognise that every child can learn, but some children require quite different opportunities and supports to do this
- Maximise opportunities for every child
- Provide physical environments that support a range of opportunities for learning and physical activity, both indoors and outdoors
- Encourage children to explore, solve problems, communicate, think, create and construct
- Use child-centred approaches to explicitly teach particular knowledge and skills

Respect for diversity
At our preschool, the educators:

- Recognise bi and multilingualism as an asset and support these children to maintain their first language and learn English as a second language
- Promote cultural awareness in all children, including greater understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander ways of knowing and being
- Support children to develop a sense of place, identity and connection to the land
- Build on children’s interests, abilities, cultures and previous learning experiences to extend their thinking, learning and development
- Recognise the connections between aspects of children’s learning and development.
Ongoing learning and reflective practice

At our preschool, the educators:

- Gather information that supports, informs, assesses and enriches decision-making about appropriate professional practices
- Continually develop professional knowledge and skills to enable them to provide the best possible learning and development opportunities for all children
- Promote practices that have been shown to be successful in supporting children’s learning and development
- Assess children’s learning in ways that inform the educator’s practice
- Use evidence to inform planning for early childhood experiences and practice
The national Early Years Learning Framework, for children from birth to five years, has been developed to ensure your child receives quality education programs in their early childhood setting. This is a vital time for them to learn and develop.

The Framework’s vision is for all children to experience play-based learning that is engaging and builds success for life.

http://www.deewr.gov.au/Earlychildhood/Programs/EarlyChildhoodEducation/Pages/default.aspx

It is a guide for early childhood educators who work with children from birth to five years. They will use the Framework in partnership with families, children’s first and most influential educators, to develop learning programs responsive to children’s ideas, interests, strengths and abilities, and recognise that children learn through their play.

The Early Years Learning Framework describes childhood as a time of **BELONGING, BEING and BECOMING**

- **Belonging** is the basis for living a fulfilling life. Children feel they belong because of the relationships they have with their family, community, culture and place.
- **Being** is about living here and now. Childhood is a special time in life and children need time to just ‘be’—time to play, try new things and have fun.
- **Becoming** is about the learning and development that young children experience. Children start to form their sense of identity from an early age, which shapes the type of adult they will become.

Together with this national framework, educators in the ACT can use ‘Every Chance to Learn – Curriculum framework for Australian Capital Territory schools for preschool to year 10’ to develop quality programs.

COMMUNICATION

Our school recognises the importance of a positive parent/staff relationship. We encourage:

- Sharing knowledge to enhance the growth and development of your child
- Developing positive relationships with families that are based on mutual trust and open communication
- Developing a sense of belonging to the preschool for the children, parents and staff

Important Notices - are placed on the whiteboards outside each classroom unit and on the community noticeboards.

School Newsletters - are posted each Thursday to the school website at: www.arandaps.act.edu.au and contain information about what is happening in the school, including the preschool. You can request an email reminder for when the next newsletter is online by contacting the Front Office.

Pamphlet - In addition, a pamphlet is regularly produced by preschool staff and provides curriculum updates and parenting information for preschool parents/carers.

App – The Aranda Primary School App is available for iPhone and Android. Information available includes: School Events, notes due, newsletters, messages, absent notes, change of details form, Teacher meeting request, send us a photo, parents business directory, school venues, shop – canteen & uniforms, support & links and Contact us options.

Getting to Know You Interviews - are held in Term 1 to develop educational targets for your child and further interviews are held early in Term 3 to set readiness goals for school. Your input and feedback is welcome during these meetings.

Speaking With Teachers - Teachers appreciate the opportunity to talk with parents and carers both informally and in formal situations. This ensures valuable insights and understandings can be exchanged about a child’s individual developmental journey.

Educator’s Diary - Parents are also encouraged to add a comment each week in the Educator’s Diary, for their class, to assist with planning and program evaluation. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to ask for an appointment to meet with your child’s educator.

Written Reports - A written report is also provided at the end of each semester. It is very important that you take the opportunity to read all notes and newsletters and attend interviews to ensure that you are up to date with changes to curriculum, excursions and information about your child’s educational experiences and progress.
**HOURS OF OPERATION**

The Aranda Preschool operating hours are:

- **Group 1 and Group 2:** Monday, Tuesday and alternate Wednesdays 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
- **Group 3:** Alternate Wednesdays, Thursday and Friday 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

**ENROLMENT PROCEDURES**

Children seeking to begin school at the preschool entry point should be four years of age on or before 30 April in that year. All students must live within the school priority enrolment area of Aranda. Enrolments open on the first day of Term 2 in the year prior to commencement. Enrolments are submitted online via the Education and Training Directorate website [http://www.det.act.gov.au/school_education/enrolling_in_an_act_public_school](http://www.det.act.gov.au/school_education/enrolling_in_an_act_public_school). Once you have submitted your enrolment please wait until the school contacts you before bringing in the required documentation.

Upon notification by the school of a Preschool place, you will need to provide an original and a photocopy of your child's **birth certificate, immunisation details** and **proof of residence**, i.e. utilities bill, lease or tenancy agreement. In some cases **proof of citizenship and/or visa status** will be required.

**Early Entry and Early Intervention:** Early enrolment for children under compulsory education age is also available to children eligible for entry into Early Intervention (Special Education) programs and English as an Additional Language/Dialect programs. Children requiring Special Education support may be enrolled upon meeting certain eligibility criteria. An application may be made through the school counsellor or through the Student Support section of the Directorate. Full information is to be provided to the Principal at the time of application. Further information is available on the Directorate website at: [http://www.det.act.gov.au/](http://www.det.act.gov.au/)
VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

Public education is free. A school may offer or facilitate some specific optional items, activities and services for which parents may be asked to pay if they want their child to access them. Such activities may include excursions, class photos and preschool supplies. Schools do ask families to give a voluntary contribution to enable it to continue to provide a quality learning environment for their children. Purchases rely upon the commitment and generosity of our parent community.

PARTICIPATION OF VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers have a special place in schools and assist in many ways. This may include interaction with individuals and small groups of students in a range of different activities.

To assist schools in providing a safe environment and a positive educational climate, volunteers are asked to comply with the Code of Conduct for Volunteers. This code of conduct has been formulated to clarify the type of conduct that is expected of volunteers when participating in programs and activities in ACT Government schools.

- Observe similar standards of behaviour and ethical conduct to that required of staff. For example you are expected to act within the law, be honest and fair, respect other people, and work to the best standard of your ability.
- Appreciate that teachers have a special duty of care for students that cannot be delegated or transferred to others. Appreciate also that the principal is the spokesperson for the school.
- Appreciate that students have rights and aspirations. Treat students with dignity and respect.
- Observe confidentiality in respect of all information gained through your participation as a volunteer. All information held by schools should be handled with care. Some information is especially sensitive. Sensitive and/or personal information requires additional caution in the way it is treated. For example, volunteers should not discuss nor disclose personal information about students, staff or students’ parents/carers to others.
- Accept and follow directions from the principal/supervisor and seek guidance through clarification where you may be uncertain of tasks or requirements. You may need to familiarise yourself with the Directorate’s policies and guidelines on particular issues.
- Observe safe work practices which avoid unnecessary risks, apply reasonable instructions given by supervisors and report to the supervising staff and school administration any hazard or hazardous practice in the workplace.
- A Volunteer Nomination form is to be completed each year and all volunteers must sign in and out. To volunteer on a regular basis at the Preschool or Primary School Parents / Carers must have a Working with Vulnerable People registration card. For more information about how to register go to: http://www.ors.act.gov.au/community/working_with_vulnerable_people_wwvp/forms_and_fees

- Report any problems as they arise to your supervisor including incidents, injury or property damage.
- Hand washing is required on arrival and further washing according to the Preschool Hygiene Policy.
- Avoid waste or extravagance and make proper use of the resources of the school/Directorate.
CONTRIBUTION TO DECISION MAKING

Families are welcome to contribute to the decision making procedures of the school through the School Board or the Parent and Citizens Association.

**Board**

Each government school in the ACT is administered by a school board whose membership comprises the school principal, two elected staff members, three elected members of the parent body, and a nominee of the Education and Training Directorate. Elected members normally serve for a two-year period.

The Board is the policy-making body of the School. Its major functions are to:

- Determine the educational policies to be implemented at the School
- Assess, from time to time, the needs of the School in relation to the provision of buildings and facilities, equipment, funds and teachers and other staff, and make recommendations to the Chief Executive (The Directorate) with respect to the meeting of those needs
- Determine the purposes for which funds made available for the School are to be expended
- Make recommendations to the Chief Executive in respect of the use of the buildings, facilities and equipment of the School for purposes other than school purposes
- Develop relationships between the School and the community and between the School and community organisations
- Make recommendations to the Chief Executive on matters relating to the School
- Responsibility for the implementation of policies established by the Board rests with the Principal and staff.

**Aranda Parents and Citizens Association**

The P&C plays an important role within the School. Meetings are advertised in the Newsletter. All parents are encouraged to attend the meetings. The P&C provides an informal meeting ground for parents and teachers and serves a fundraising function for the School.
PARTICIPATION IN PRESCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Families are welcome to share their special skills, interests and diverse family cultures with the Preschool.

Families are encouraged to participate in social activities to enable families to meet each other and form a sense of belonging to the school.

Families can help in the following ways:

• Sharing knowledge and expertise of craft, cooking, music, story-telling, job skills, music etc.
• Making comments in the Educator’s Diary
• Being a volunteer
• Attend working bees e.g. in the garden
• Attending excursions
• Supplying recyclables
• Ensuring your child has the resource pack on time at the start of the year
• Reading all notes newsletters and pamphlets carefully

DELIVERY AND COLLECTION OF CHILDREN

Regular attendance is important as this allows your child to settle into routines and establish themselves as part of the group. Children must be brought into the classroom each day. It is compulsory that parents take their child and supervise their washing of hands before they join the group in the classroom. In accordance with the National Quality Standard, collection of children must be by a parent or authorised nominee. Children must be collected from inside the classroom by Parents/Carers at the end of each day. Any changes to the person who will pick children up must be advised by the parents to the school in writing, in advance. If children are arriving late or being collected earlier than 3pm Parents/Carers are asked to sign the attendance record in the classroom.
**CHANGES TO DETAILS**

Please keep the front office staff informed of any changes to address, home/work phone numbers, child care arrangements, medical information and emergency contact phone numbers. Please keep telephone calls to the Preschool for urgent matters only as it is disruptive to the program when staff leave the children to answer the telephone. Messages may be left with front office staff.

**MEDICAL CONDITION MANAGEMENT**

**Immunisation**

The ACT Department of Health advises that all children attending school in the ACT should be immunised against diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough, polio, measles, mumps, rubella and HIB (Haemophilus Influenzae type B). We would ask that you check your child’s present immunisation status to see whether it is complete for his/her age. ACT Public Health regulations require schools to request proof of up to date immunisation when enrolling. Failure to provide this may result in your child being excluded from school should an outbreak of an infectious disease occur. A copy of exclusion periods for students with infectious diseases is available. Parents are asked to adhere closely to these requirements unless medical advice to the contrary is provided in writing.

**Medical conditions and Accidents**

It is important that sick children are kept at home for their own comfort as well as the comfort of other children and staff. If a child becomes ill or is injured at school appropriate first aid will be given and if necessary parents will be notified and asked to take their child home. If emergency treatment is required parents will be notified immediately and the child will be transferred by ambulance to hospital. In such cases ambulance services and treatment are free. All students who have an ongoing condition (eg asthma, diabetes, epilepsy) must have a treatment plan completed by parents and their GP and lodged at the school. Plan proformas are available from the Front Office or from a staff member at the Preschool.

**Exclusion periods** for infectious diseases such as mumps, rubella, measles and chicken pox are provided at the end of this handbook.

If a child is to take a **prescription medicine** while at school, written directions and medicine (in its original container) must be left with staff. Information on a child’s health status eg epilepsy, diabetes, should be given on enrolment or on diagnosis. If the health problem is serious please provide an up to date photograph of the child so it can be placed on our medical alert board.
**Head lice** are extremely contagious. Children with either eggs or live lice will be excluded from school until written evidence of treatment is produced. Please report any cases of head lice to the preschool staff.

**Food** – Provision is made for children to eat during the preschool session. Parents/carers are urged to provide children with healthy fresh food snacks and a healthy lunch which will enable the staff to assist in the development of lifelong healthy eating habits and assist children’s understanding about everyday foods and treats. All children will need their own labelled drink bottle with water only.


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**PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES**

Physical activity is very important for children, so educators provide opportunities for structured and unstructured physical activity.

During preschool sessions, your child will be involved with some hands on experiences both inside the classroom and in the outdoor area. These activities can, at times, be very messy. Please ensure your child is dressed appropriately so that they feel confident to participate in all the challenges provided throughout the session. In keeping with the sun safe policy, children will need to wear a **legionnaires**, **bucket** or **wide brimmed** style hat. Please ensure that cords on hats are detachable in compliance with Directorate regulations. If children do not have a hat, they will only be allowed to play in the shade. Warm clothing, including a coat and hat, is required in winter. The children will be challenging themselves on the climbing equipment so sensible footwear and clothing appropriate for outdoor play is essential. Long dresses and skirts can be dangerous.

Please label all of your child’s clothing and pack a spare set in case of extremely messy play or accidents.

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**INFORMATION ON HYGIENE PROCEDURES**

Staff, children and volunteers must adhere to the hand washing procedures.

All children are encouraged to wash their hands:

- On arrival
- Before and after eating or touching food
- After toileting
- After blowing their nose and wiping tears and dribbles
- After coming in from outside play
- Before leaving the Preschool

All scratches and cuts must be covered.
FOOD SAFETY TIPS FOR HOMEMADE LUNCHES & SNACKS

Healthy lunches and snacks are important for children and help with their concentration and learning. School lunches however are particularly susceptible to food poisoning, especially in the summer heat. Parents and care-givers are reminded of a few simple food safety rules to prepare safe and healthy school lunches and avoid the growth and contamination of food poisoning bacteria.

• Before handling food, wash hands with soap and warm running water and dry thoroughly. Lunch boxes and eating utensils should also be washed thoroughly before reuse. Children should be encouraged to always wash their hands before eating.

• Foods that are prepared the night before, such as sandwiches, should be frozen overnight and then taken out for each day’s school lunch. Suitable foods to freeze are: bread, cooked meat, cheese, baked beans, vegemite etc.

• Because food is normally stored in a child’s lunch box for several hours, the lunch box needs to be kept cool. This can be done by choosing an insulated lunch box, one with a freezer pack, or including a wrapped frozen water bottle to keep the lunch box cool.

• Perishable foods such as dairy products, eggs and sliced meats should be kept cool, and eaten within about four hours of preparation. Don’t pack these foods if just cooked; first cool in the refrigerator overnight.

• If including leftover meals such as meats, pasta and rice dishes ensure you pack a frozen iceblock into the lunch box. Please note we are unable to reheat food.

• Healthy drinks, such as water and milk can be frozen overnight and then stored in your child’s lunchbox, helping to keep it cold.

• Make sure that while at school children keep their lunches in cool places and away from direct sunlight and other heat sources that facilitate the development of food poisoning bacteria.
EXCURSIONS

Excursions are part of the educational program at Aranda Preschool. On enrolment, parents are asked to give permission for their child to go on incidental excursions e.g. walk to the shops or to the primary school. If children use any form of transport, parents will be advised in advance and asked to give permission, in writing, for the child to attend. The adult/child ratio is 1:4 on major excursions or less as required. Parent volunteers are not able to bring younger siblings.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES

The school has a policy on emergency evacuations and is required to practise evacuation procedures. All staff and children participate. Our emergency management procedure is on display in each classroom.

CHILD PROTECTION PRACTICES

All employees in schools are mandated to report any case of suspected child abuse. Failure to notify suspected neglect, physical and/or sexual abuse of children is a criminal offence. Staff will deliver lessons to children in protective behaviours and safe behaviours. Staff will also deliver lessons to enhance social and emotional skills.

TRANSITIONS

Your child is a member of the Aranda Primary School community. By enrolling your child at Aranda Preschool your child is enrolled to move on to Kindergarten if that is your choice. Staff at the Preschool and the Primary School have developed a very effective transition program to ensure that the move from preschool to school is successful. All children attend this program whether they are at the Aranda Preschool or not and also whether they will be attending Aranda Primary School or not. Further information about formal transitions to Kindergarten will be supplied during Term 4. Staff from the Primary site visit the Preschool regularly to provide lunch breaks for the Preschool teachers. The Music and French teachers also visit and Preschool children will have the opportunity to attend classes at the Primary site throughout the year.
STUDENT WELFARE AND MANAGEMENT

At Aranda Primary School we appreciate that everyone is an individual and that we all have the special qualities that make us who we are. It is important that students are treated with respect, valuing their uniqueness and what they bring to the school. We provide a supportive, welcoming and culturally inclusive educational environment where students feel safe and happy. The school has a Student Management and Wellbeing policy that outlines the steps for addressing student welfare and management issues. All school policies are available on the school website: www.arandaps.act.edu.au

Parent support
Parentlink www.parentlink.act.gov.au is a website which parents can use to access:

- Parent guides, including electronic order forms
- A directory of local parenting services
- Upcoming community events and parenting courses
- Further readings in relation to the parent guides
- Links to other useful websites

Concerns or complaints
If you have a concern about your child’s education please have a conversation with the preschool teacher. You are also welcome to make contact with the Executive teacher in the primary school.

- School phone number: 6142 3030
- Principal: Phil Gray
- Executive Teacher Preschool: Sue Whitney

### Diseases - Outbreak Procedures and Exclusion Periods

Personal hygiene measures such as hand washing, covering the mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing, covering weeping sores, not sharing food or drinks and not attending school when ill or suffering from diarrhoea are important means of limiting the transmission of a number of common infectious conditions.

The **ACT Public Health Regulations 2000** require children with the following conditions, and children who have been in contact with the following conditions, to be excluded from school, preschool, child care or family day care for the periods specified.

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<th>Exclusion of person with condition</th>
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<td>Amoebiasis (entamoeba histolytica)</td>
<td>Exclude until diarrhoea ceases</td>
<td>Not excluded</td>
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<td>*Campylobacteriosis</td>
<td>Exclude until diarrhoea ceases</td>
<td>Not excluded</td>
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<td>Chicken pox (varicella and herpes zoster)</td>
<td>Exclude until the last blister has scabbed over.</td>
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<td>(The child should not continue to be excluded by reason only of some remaining scabs.)</td>
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<td>Conjugunctivitis (acute infectious)</td>
<td>Exclude until discharge from eyes ceases.</td>
<td>Not excluded</td>
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<td>*Cryptosporidiosis</td>
<td>Exclude until diarrhoea ceases</td>
<td>Not excluded</td>
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<td>Diarrhoea</td>
<td>Exclude until diarrhoea ceases</td>
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<td>*#Diphtheria</td>
<td>Exclude until—</td>
<td>Exclude family and household contacts until approval to return has been given by the Chief Health Officer.</td>
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<td>(a) at least 2 negative throat swabs have been taken (the first not less than 24 hours after cessation of antibiotic treatment and the second not less than 48 hours later), and</td>
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<td>(b) a certificate is provided by a medical practitioner recommending that the exclusion should cease.</td>
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<td>Giardiasis</td>
<td>Exclude until diarrhoea ceases</td>
<td>Not excluded</td>
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<td>*#Haemophilus influenza type b (Hib)</td>
<td>Exclude until a certificate is provided by a medical practitioner recommending that the exclusion should cease.</td>
<td>Not excluded</td>
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<td>Hand, Foot and Mouth disease</td>
<td>(a) child is unwell, or (b) child is drooling, and not all blisters have dried or an exposed weeping blister is not covered with a dressing.</td>
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<td>*Hepatitis A</td>
<td>Exclude for at least 7 days after the onset of jaundice and a certificate is provided by a medical practitioner recommending that the exclusion should cease.</td>
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<td>Herpes (cold sores)</td>
<td>Exclude young children unable to comply with good hygiene practices while the lesion is weeping. Lesion to be covered by a dressing in all cases, if possible.</td>
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<td>Impetigo (school sores)</td>
<td>Exclude until appropriate treatment has commenced and sores on exposed surfaces are covered with a watertight dressing.</td>
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<td>Influenza and influenza-like illnesses</td>
<td>Exclude until well</td>
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<td>*Leprosy</td>
<td>Exclude until approval to return has been given by the Chief Health Officer.</td>
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<td>*#Measles</td>
<td>Exclude for at least 4 days after the rash appears. (a) Immunised contacts not excluded. (b) Exclude non-immunised contacts until 14 days after the first day of appearance of the rash in the index case. (b) Non-immunised contacts immunised with measles vaccine within 72 hours after their first contact with the index case are not excluded after being immunised. (d) Non-immunised contacts who are given normal human immunoglobulin (NHIG) within 7 days after their first contact with the index case are not excluded after being given NHIG.</td>
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<td>Meningitis (bacterial)</td>
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<td>*Meningococcal infection</td>
<td>Exclude until adequate carrier eradication therapy has commenced. (a) Not excluded if receiving rifampicin or other antibiotic treatment recommended by the Chief Health Officer. (b) Otherwise, excluded until 10 days after last contact with the index.</td>
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<td>Mumps</td>
<td>Exclude for 9 days after onset of symptoms, or until parotid swelling goes down (whichever is sooner).</td>
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<td>Poliomyelitis</td>
<td>Exclude for at least 14 days after onset of symptoms and until a certificate is provided by a medical practitioner recommending that the exclusion should cease.</td>
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<td>Ringworm, scabies, pediculosis (lice), trachoma</td>
<td>Exclude until effective treatment has commenced.</td>
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<td>Rotavirus</td>
<td>Exclude until diarrhoea ceases</td>
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<td>Rubella (German measles)</td>
<td>Exclude for 4 days after the appearance of the rash.</td>
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<td>Female staff of child-bearing age should ensure that their immune status against rubella is adequate.</td>
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<td>Salmonellosis</td>
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<td>Shigellosis</td>
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<td>Streptococcal infection (including scarlet fever)</td>
<td>Exclude until the person has recovered or has received antibiotic treatment for at least 24 hours.</td>
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<td>Tuberculosis</td>
<td>Exclude until approval to return has been given by the Chief Health Officer.</td>
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<td>Typhoid and paratyphoid fever</td>
<td>Exclude until a certificate is provided by a medical practitioner recommending that the exclusion should cease.</td>
<td>(a) Not excluded unless the Chief Health Officer notifies the person in charge of the school. (a) If the Chief Health Officer gives notice, exclusion is subject to the conditions in the notice.</td>
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<td>Whooping cough (pertussis)</td>
<td>Exclude for 21 days from start of cough, or for at least 5 days after starting a course of antibiotics recommended by the Chief Health Officer.</td>
<td>Exclude non-immunised household, home based child care and close child care contacts under 7 years old for 14 days after the last exposure to infection, or until 5 days after starting a course of antibiotics recommended by the Chief Health Officer (whichever is sooner).</td>
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<td>Worms (intestinal)</td>
<td>Exclude until diarrhoea ceases</td>
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