Respiratory Infections

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| **Infection or complaint** | **Recommended period to be kept away from school, nursery or childminders** | **Comments** |
| Flu (influenza) | Until recovered | *See: Vulnerable Children* |
| Tuberculosis\* | Always consult your local PHE centre | Requires prolonged close contact for spread |
| Whooping cough\* (pertussis) | Five days from starting antibiotic treatment, or 21 days from onset of illness if no antibiotic treatment | Preventable by vaccination. After treatment, non-infectious coughing may continue for many weeks. Your local PHE centre will organise any contact tracing necessary |