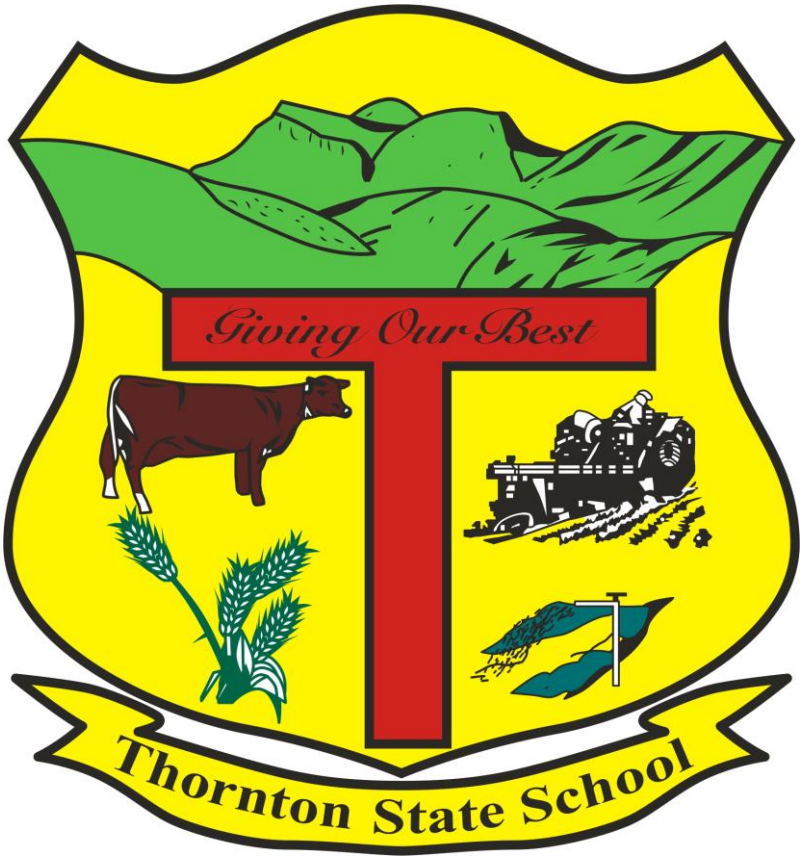
Thornton State School



Parent Handbook 2027

Thornton State School prides itself on being a friendly and personal school. We value all students and take time to work with each family in our school.

The school is an important part of the Thornton, Townson and Mulgowie community, and values the lifestyle and work that occurs in the local area.

SCHOOL STAFF

The following professional staff care for your children.
Please be aware staffing changes may occur during the school year or before the school year starts.

Principal / Teacher:	Luci McConkey 2026 & 2028 (2027 – TBC)
Teachers:	Kate Mason
Teacher Aides:	Helen Mercer, Celina Wood & Sally McGrath
Administration:	Samantha Harch
Arts/Music:	Linsey Sullivan
PE:	TBC
Cleaning:	Lauren Jackwitz
Groundsperson:	John Millard

Contact Details

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School Mobile:	0476 807 423
Email:	principal@thorntonss.eq.edu.au admin@thorntonss.eq.edu.au

SCHOOL VALUES

Statement of Purpose

At Thornton State School we aim to achieve the best educational outcomes possible, for every child at the school.

We aim to achieve excellence in education by being accountable, promoting the best interests of children and doing the very best we can for all students.

Thornton State School
"Giving Our Best"

At Thornton we are:

- Responsible
- Respectful
- Accountable

SCHOOL HISTORY

Our school was first opened on the 11 October, 1881 as a Provisional school and classified as a State School in 1888. It was situated on a site of 14 acres between the road and Laidley creek 12.8kms north of Burnside State School.

The school was built on its present site near Clarkes Bridge on a 4.5 acre site in 1963. In 1964, the Townson School building which had closed in 1963, was moved to Thornton to make an extra classroom and later became the library.

The school is set in a picturesque valley bounded on the west by the Mistake Mountain range, on the east by the Little Liverpool Range, with Laidley creek flowing past the school and Mt Castle overlooking the valley from the south.

SCHOOL CALENDAR 2027

2027
School calendar
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There are 193 school days in 2027.

Semester 1, 2027 commences for staff on 21 January and for students on 27 January.

Staff professional development days

The fixed staff professional development days for teachers are 21 and 22 January 2027, and the flexible staff professional development days are 25 January, 8 and 9 April and 3 September 2027.

Schools are able to decide when they undertake the required hours for professional development for the flexible days, as long as they are on the flexible days, in the school holidays or out of school hours.

Public holidays

Queensland public holidays are set by the Minister for Industrial Relations.

Public holidays for local show days are not shown due to diversity of dates across the state.

Final dates for student attendance

19 November is the final date for Year 12 attendance for receipt of a Senior Statement. 26 November is the final date for student attendance in Years 10 and 11.

Some schools in regional, rural and remote areas will close for the summer holidays on 3 December.

The information in this calendar was correct at the time of publication but may be subject to change.

For more information and the latest version of this calendar, visit

www.education.qld.gov.au

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Absences

It is compulsory for children to attend school. Children should not be absent without a valid excuse. In the event of absence, a note, signed by a parent or guardian giving the date of absence and the reason for absence is required for the Principal upon the child's return to school. In the event of an expected absence, eg. Doctor's appointment, an explanatory note to the Principal on the day prior to such absence is acceptable. Phone calls are also acceptable. This prevents misunderstanding and ensures the safety of your child.

If a child is absent, or plans to be absent, for more than 10 consecutive days for any reason, parents are obliged to complete an *'Exemption of Compulsory Schooling Form'* from the Principal. A parent note, and Doctor's note where applicable, is required for illness absence for 3 days and greater.

Administration Hours

The Business Manager is in the school office on Tuesday, Thursday and Fridays from 8:30am to 2:30pm. Please arrange uniform purchasing via email or text so we can ensure someone is available to assist if office is unattended.

Arrival/Departure Times

As school commences each day at 8.30am, children should only arrive after 8.15am and prior to the commencement of the day. School concludes at 2.30pm each day and students should depart before 2.45pm. Students are accompanied to the front gate by a staff member. Students are not to leave the school grounds without the supervision of an adult/parent or caregiver. Late arrivals and early departures must be signed in at the classrooms.

Behaviour Management

A high standard of behaviour is expected of the students at Thornton. A detailed Student Code of Conduct is included in your enrolment package, on the school website and available upon request for your information.

Book List

Book lists are provided by the school. Parents are required to supply the equipment for the appropriate grade level of their child/ren. It is essential that all students start the year with the correct supplies and quantities. The student's spare supplies (stationery & books purchased by parents) will be kept at school and if unused throughout the year, will be returned home in the last week of Term 4.

Communication

Each student will have a communication book which will travel to and from school ***daily***. A communication book allows opportunities for non-urgent notes to be communicated with the school. Books will be checked daily.

Texting from the school mobile is also a popular form of communication from the school to parents. Please ensure your contact details are current to allow us to communicate non-urgent issues with you.

Some guidelines for how to best contact us, we kindly remind you that our office is only staffed Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursdays, on other days the staff onsite are all teaching during school hours.

'It is urgent and during school hours' - First try the landline number, then the school mobile.

'My child is absent' - Send through a text. We mark the role twice a day and we are required to record a reason for your child's absence, please let us know a brief reason in your text. If you know in advance, a note in the communication book would be a great alternative.

'*I have a different pick-up arrangement*' - Send through a text or write in the communication book. Please ensure message is received by 1:30pm.
'*I have a non-urgent concern*' - Write in the communication book or send through an email to the principal and it will be passed on to the relevant staff member if necessary. Happy to arrange face-to face meetings, or over the phone.
'I have a paperwork or finance update/ concern' - Send through an email to our business manager.
'I just want to say something nice' - Our favourite! Dojo is a great space to comment on your child's work, a class post, or just send us a nice message. We accept these messages in all forms of communication (just not a phone call during teaching time). Comment on our Dojo posts, Facebook posts, at the school gate, let our staff know what is going right for your child and your family!

Complaints

For customer complaints about school matters, the best place to raise any concerns is at the point where the problem or issue arose. You can make an appointment at the school to discuss your complaint with your child's teacher or the principal. You are also welcome to lodge your complaint in writing or over the phone. You can also make a complaint through QGov. See Complaints information sheet within the information pack for more information.

Contact Information

It is essential that the school has the most current telephone numbers for parents/caregivers and emergency contacts.

In the event of accident or illness, parents will be contacted if possible. If a parent is not contactable, the nominated emergency contact person on the child's enrolment form will be contacted.

In the case of severe accident or sudden illness, an ambulance will be called. Basic first aid is the only treatment able to be given at school. All school-based staff hold a current first aid certificate.

Daily Routine

8.30am Start of school day
10.30am *First Break*
11.15am School resumes
1.00pm *Second Break*
1.30pm School resumes
2.30pm School day concludes

Dental Services

Thornton State School is not visited by the Queensland Health dental van, however students have the ability to have their teeth checked and appropriate treatment given at Laidley Dental Surgery (attached to the hospital in Laidley) if required with parent's permission. Appointments can be made by parents at any time.

Emergency Contact

In the event of an emergency concerning your child, the school needs to know who to contact. Please make sure all the details for emergency contacts, including *your own* address and phone number, are current.

Emergency Drills

The school has an emergency drills. These procedures in the case of a snake, lockdown or fire at the school. This is practised on a regular basis.

Fires

Fire extinguishers and blankets are also kept on school premises for easy access.
The drill is as follows:

- Long & Continuous ringing of school bell
- Children evacuate all school buildings and proceed in an orderly manner to the safety point on the oval. The teacher in charge of the children calls and marks the roll.
- School staff phone the fire brigade, turn off electricity and check buildings are vacant.
- No one is allowed back into the building until the all clear from the fire brigade, or the principal in the case of a drill.

Snakes

- In the case of a snake sighting, the drill is as follows:
- Students alert the teachers and staff (slithering snake hand signal & verbal 'snake')
- Students are moved to a safe location within the school
- Where possible, the snake will be relocated
- Students will be required to move with a buddy around the school
- Areas of concern may become out of bounds

Lockdown

- In the case of a lockdown, the drill is as follows:
- Short Intermittent ringing of the bell
- Students move to the nearest lockable room.
- Rolls are marked.
- Principal or teacher in charge is notified of any missing or extra students.
- Students to remain in locked room out of sight from doors and windows until notified by authorities (police, fire or principal)

Enrolments

Enrolment forms are available from the school office.

At least one parent is required to accompany a child to be enrolled at the school. If the child is attending the school for the first time, an admission form and questions regarding your child's school history, available from the school office is to be completed and signed. This is essential as all emergency contact details need to be recorded and updated. All information given is confidential and used only for school purposes.

Prep enrolments are accepted at the end of the year prior to commencement or the first day of the school year and must be accompanied by a birth certificate.

Excursions

Children may participate in several excursions during the school year. Fees for these excursions are paid for by the parents. Permission notes and medical forms are provided and must be completed and signed before your child can participate in any off-campus activity. At times, parents may be asked to provide transport by private vehicle.

Hats

A sun-safe wide-brimmed must be worn by students when they are playing or working outside the school buildings. Theses hats, in school colours, may be purchased from the P&C. The P&C also provides free of charge, your child's first hat. The school policy of: 'NO HAT, NO PLAY' is strictly enforced, as is 'NO SHOES, NO PLAY'.

Head lice

Head lice can occur in the cleanest of homes. To combat the problem, please check your child's hair regularly and treat appropriately if necessary. Regular follow-up treatments may be necessary to prevent any further outbreak. If head lice are found in your child's hair at school, you will be contacted. A head lice alert note will be sent home with every family in the event of head lice being sighted. If you find head lice on your child, please notify the school in confidence. An alert note will be forwarded from the school to parents to check their child's head.

Homework

This is given regularly in some form to the children in all year levels from oral reading to worksheets and projects. Children are generally given a week to complete their homework activities. Home reading is expected each weeknight. From time to time, children may be working on a long-term project which may require some work at home or on the Internet. Homework is primarily set to help revise work the children have done, and to help develop good study habits which will better equip them to cope with the increased work load of secondary school. It is expected that homework be completed to the best of a child's ability. Supervision and assistance from parents is appreciated but children should be encouraged to consult their teacher should any difficulties arise. Students receive reward points if homework is returned on time.

Interviews

Parents who wish to discuss an issue of concern should seek an appointment with the Principal or classroom teacher as early as possible. Please try to plan any communication before or after school as discussion during class time can be disruptive.

Interviews can occur over the telephone or face-to-face. Please contact the school at the earliest possibility to ensure an appropriate action can take place.

Jewellery and Nail Polish

Acceptable jewellery at Thornton State School consists of studs or sleepers that do not hang too long from the ear lobe. Necklaces are discouraged, as are other valuables that may be accidently damaged or lost whilst at school. Medical bands are also permitted. Students are not to wear nail polish to school.

Mobile Devices

Queensland state school students must keep their mobile phones switched off and 'away for the day' during school hours. Notifications on wearable devices, such as smartwatches, must be switched off so that phone calls, messages and other notifications cannot be sent or received during school hours.
The decision to implement a consistent, statewide approach to putting mobile phones away during the school day is based on the advice of Ms Cheryl Vardon AO, former Queensland Family and Children's Commissioner, who completed an independent review of Queensland's approach to mobile phones. Ms Vardon AO's review included consultation with key education stakeholders, such as principals, school staff, students and families from each education region, as well as a review of recent research on student use of mobile phones and personal devices in schools.
'Away for the day' supports schools to maintain a strong focus on student educational achievement, wellbeing and engagement by:

- providing optimal learning and teaching environments
- encouraging increased face-to-face social interactions between students

- promoting the health and wellbeing of students through increased social interaction and physical activity
- reducing the potential for students to be exposed to the negative impacts of the digital world, resulting from unsafe or inappropriate technology use.

Library

The school has a very well stocked library to which all children have access. Children have a supervised visit to the library on Friday afternoon to borrow books. A child may borrow two books at any one time and are encouraged to take them home in a waterproof library bag. Although students will have weekly borrowing times, they can borrow the books for a period of two weeks. Parents will be notified if books are overdue. Invoices may be issued for lost or damaged books.
The school hosts a Book Fair during Term 3. Students, parents and the community are welcome to visit and purchase new books.
Book Club is available twice a term. Advertising leaflets are sent home with students in their communication folders.
Purchasing from events such as Book Fair and Book Club support our school's library and offers opportunities for the library to purchase new books for the students with a rewards system.

Lunches

Parents are encouraged to provide their children with nutritious healthy lunches eg. fresh fruit, sandwiches and yoghurts. The food you give your child for lunch influences behaviour and concentration levels for the rest of the school day. *Please contact the school if your child has any food allergies.*

Students have access to a fridge in the classroom kitchen to keep their lunch cool. It is strongly encouraged that students use a plastic container for their lunchbox rather than a cooler bag if they wish to utilise the fridge.

Medical / Medication

The following guidelines regarding the dispensing of medication have been introduced by Education Queensland and must be strictly observed by staff:

- All medication must be handed into the school office for safe keeping and not left in the school bag. If students are able to self-administer Asthma medication – please notify the Principal.
- Staff may give oral medication provided it is given strictly in accordance with instructions by the student's medical practitioner and as requested by parents in writing. This means that if you send anything to school for the staff to give your child to take, it will be returned unused unless these conditions are strictly adhered to.
    - the parent/carer has completed and signed the administration of medication at school authorisation/record sheet (emergency medication or routine/short-term medication)
    - the parent/carer has provided the student's medical action plan where required (e.g. ASCIA Anaphylaxis Action Plan, Asthma Action Plan)
    - the student has received a dose at home without ill effect prior to the school administering the medication
    - the parent/carer has provided in-date medication in the original pharmacy labelled container
    - the medication container has a valid pharmacy label which includes the name of the prescribing health practitioner to confirm that it is prescription medication, and the dosage and times to be administered are printed on the container.
- The Department recognises that all medications, including over-the-counter (OTC) medications, e.g. paracetamol or alternative medicines, may be drugs or poisons and may cause side effects. For this reason, over-the-counter medications will only be administered to students at school if medical authorisation has been received.
- Any staff member may refuse to accept the responsibility of administering medication if they do not feel confident in giving the medication.

In the event of a student contracting any disease, Queensland Health exclusion periods must be adhered to by all staff, parents and students.

*Please see the 'Time Out' poster at the end of this handbook for exclusion periods for common contagious conditions.

Money Collection

Whilst the school strongly encourages cashless payments, it is sometimes necessary to send money to school for an event. Please place the money in an envelope and seal it, and write your name, the amount enclosed and the event on the front. Envelopes should be placed in communication books and please let your child know that it is in there for collection. No money is to be left in school bags during the day.

P & C

The Parents and Citizens Association meet regularly at the school. Dates for the next meeting are set at each current meeting and will be advised in either a text (from the school mobile, email or note in communication folder. All parents are invited to attend. The P & C are very active in fundraising activities for the school.

Report Cards

Report cards are sent out to parents at the end of each semester, in June and December. Reports are emailed to parents, unless school is notified that hard copies are required to be posted out.
Formal parent-teacher interviews are also conducted as necessary.

Specialist Service

The school curriculum is supported by weekly visits from the teachers of Music and Physical Education. Year 5 and 6 students access Japanese through Distance Education weekly. Guidance Officers and Education Advisors are available if required.

Sport

All children are encouraged to compete in athletics and other sporting activities at school level. Children who are selected for District or State teams or any other extra-curricular sporting activity are strongly supported and encouraged by the school.

Students partake in the following sporting events:

Term 1 Cross Country
Term 2 Athletics Carnival
Term 3 Ball Games
Term 4 Swimming Lessons

Private transport is required to these carnivals. Students will also participate in a school cross country during Term 1. All parents and families are welcome to support Thornton SS at all sporting events.

Swimming

Each year the school has swimming lessons at UQ Sports, Gatton. There are six to eight lessons in the fourth term usually conducted over a 6 week period. Bus transport is arranged for this activity and families will be invoiced.

Transport

A bus service operates to transport children to and from school. Please ask at the office for the contact details of the bus service, as forms can be sent into Queensland Transport by the bus service so that your child may receive a subsidy for bus travel.

Uniforms

The P&C has polo shirts and hats for purchase from the school, which are available in a variety of sizes. Full payment must be made to the P&C before receipt of goods. It is suggested your child tries the different sizes on before purchase or ordering.

Plain black pants/shorts/skirts/skorts and plain socks and shoes are to be worn (parent sourced from elsewhere). Please ensure all clothing, including socks, are clearly named. Shoes must be in good condition, being fully enclosed and a comfortable fit for your child.

Uniform Price List 2026

Embroidered Shirt $35.00

Screen Printed Shirt $30.00 Hats (bucket) $15.00

*Payments can be deposited to the P&C Bank Account: BSB 084771 ACC: 662 866 022

** These prices are subject to charge based on supplier pricing

A order is generally placed for school jumpers at the end of Term 1 based on parent interest.

Valuables at School

Students are strongly discouraged from bringing any valuable personal or family items to school. This could include; jewellery, toys, games, electronics and equipment. The only jewellery permitted to be worn at school are sleeper or stud earrings and a wrist watch. Medical bands are also permitted.

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Time Out

Keeping your child and other kids healthy!

- Information for a number of infectious conditions that may require[1] exclusion of children from school, education and care services.
- Additional public health *recommendations* that apply to children and adults.
- To assist medical practitioners, schools, preschools and childcare facilities to meet the public health *requirements*[1] and *recommendations*.

*Refers to contagious conditions as per the Public Health Regulation 2018.

1. Observing the exclusion period meets the intent of the Public Health Act 2005 for a person to be non-infectious. See schedule 4 of the Public Health Regulation 2018 for a complete list of contagious conditions and their exclusion criteria.
2. Doctors should notify the local Public Health Unit as soon as possible if children or staff are diagnosed with these conditions. Refer to page 2 for Public Health Unit contact details.

Condition	Person with the infection	Those in contact with the infected person (The definition of 'contact' will vary between diseases)
*Chickenpox (varicella)	**EXCLUDE** until all blisters have dried, and at least 5 days after the onset of symptoms.[1]	**EXCLUSION MAY APPLY** **EXCLUDE** non-immune pregnant women and any child with immune deficiency or receiving chemotherapy. Advise to seek urgent medical assessment . *Contact your Public Health Unit for specialist advice.* Also see Shingles information below.
Cold sores (herpes simplex)	**NOT EXCLUDED** if the person can maintain hygiene practices to minimise the risk of transmission. Young children unable to comply with good hygiene practices should be excluded while sores are weeping. Sores should be covered with a dressing where possible.	**NOT EXCLUDED**
Conjunctivitis	**EXCLUDE** until discharge from eyes has ceased unless a doctor has diagnosed non-infectious conjunctivitis.	**NOT EXCLUDED**
*COVID–19	**EXCLUDE** until symptoms have resolved, normally 5–7 days.	**NOT EXCLUDED**
Cytomegalovirus (CMV)	**NOT EXCLUDED** pregnant women should consult with their doctor.	**NOT EXCLUDED** pregnant women should consult with their doctor.
Diarrhoea and/or Vomiting *including:* • amoebiasis • campylobacter • cryptosporidium • giardia • rotavirus • salmonella • *gastroenteritis *but excluding:* • *norovirus • shigellosis • toxin-producing forms of E.coli (STEC) *See advice for these specific conditions below*	Exclusion periods may vary depending on the cause. **EXCLUDE** a single case until the person, has no symptoms [1] (includes vomiting if applicable), is feeling well and they have not had any loose bowel motions for at least 24 hours or if the person has confirmed norovirus exclude for at least 48 hours.[1] **EXCLUDE** all persons who prepare or serve food until they have not had any diarrhoea or vomiting for 48 hours. **NOTE:** If there are 2 or more cases with diarrhoea and/or vomiting in the same location, which may indicate a potential outbreak OR a single case in a food handler, notify your Public Health Unit. **Diarrhoea:** 3 or more loose stools or bowel movements in a 24 hour period that are different from normal and/or escapes a child's nappy. *See information below if norovirus is confirmed or considered likely as the cause of diarrhoea and vomiting.*	**NOT EXCLUDED**
*Enterovirus 71 (EV71 neurological disease)	**EXCLUDE** until written medical clearance is received confirming the virus is no longer present in the person's bowel motions.[1]	**NOT EXCLUDED**
Fungal infections of the skin and nails (ringworm/tinea)	**EXCLUDE** until the day after antifungal treatment has commenced. (No exclusion for thrush).	**NOT EXCLUDED**
Glandular fever (mononucleosis, Epstein-Barr virus)	**NOT EXCLUDED**	**NOT EXCLUDED**
*German measles (rubella)[2]	**EXCLUDE** for 4 days after the onset of rash[1] or until fully recovered, whichever is longer. Pregnant women should consult with their doctor.	**NOT EXCLUDED** pregnant women should consult with their doctor.
Haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib)	**EXCLUDE** until the doctor confirms the person is not infectious and has completed 4 days of appropriate antibiotic treatment.[1] *Contact your Public Health Unit for specialist advice.*	**EXCLUSION MAY APPLY** *Contact your Public Health Unit for specialist advice.*
Hand, foot and mouth disease	**EXCLUDE** until all blisters have dried.	**NOT EXCLUDED**
Head lice	Exclusion is not necessary if effective treatment is commenced before next attendance day (i.e. the child does not need to be sent home immediately if head lice are detected).	**NOT EXCLUDED**
*Hepatitis A[2]	**EXCLUDE** until at least 7 days after the onset of jaundice;[1] OR for 2 weeks after onset of first symptoms, including dark urine if there is no jaundice. If a person is asymptomatic *contact your Public Health Unit for Specialist advice.*	**NOT EXCLUDED** *Contact your Public Health Unit* for specialist advice about vaccination or treatment for children and staff in the same room or group, children transferring to another centre and new enrolments.

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Condition	Person with the infection	Those in contact with the infected person[2]
Hepatitis B and C	**NOT EXCLUDED** cover open wounds with waterproof dressing.	**NOT EXCLUDED**
Hepatitis E	**EXCLUDE** until at least 2 weeks after the onset of jaundice.	**NOT EXCLUDED**
Human immunodeficiency virus (HIV/AIDS)	**NOT EXCLUDED** cover open wounds with waterproof dressing.	**NOT EXCLUDED**
Influenza and influenza-like illness	**EXCLUDE** until symptoms have resolved, normally 5–7 days.	**NOT EXCLUDED**
*Measles[2]	**EXCLUDE** until the doctor confirms the person is not infectious but not earlier than 4 days after the onset of the rash.[1] *Contact your Public Health Unit for specialist advice.*	**EXCLUSION MAY APPLY** **NOT EXCLUDED** vaccinated or immune contacts. **EXCLUDE** immuno-compromised contacts (including those receiving chemotherapy) until 14 days after the appearance of the rash in the last case. **EXCLUDE** non-or incompletely vaccinated contacts, without evidence of immunity. *Contact your Public Health Unit for specialist advice.*
Meningitis (bacterial)	**EXCLUDE** until well and has received appropriate antibiotics.	**NOT EXCLUDED**
Meningitis (viral)	**EXCLUDE** until well.	**NOT EXCLUDED**
*Meningococcal infection[2]	**EXCLUDE** until the treating doctor confirms the child is not infectious and at least 24 hours of appropriate antibiotics have been completed.[1] *Contact your Public Health Unit for specialist advice.*	**NOT EXCLUDED** *Contact your Public Health Unit for specialist advice about antibiotics and/or vaccination for close contacts.*
Molluscum contagiosum	**NOT EXCLUDED**	**NOT EXCLUDED**
Mumps	**EXCLUDE** for 5 days after onset of swelling. Pregnant women should consult with their doctor.	**NOT EXCLUDED** pregnant women should consult with their doctor.
*Norovirus	**EXCLUDE** until no symptoms and no loose bowel motions for 48 hours.[1]	**NOT EXCLUDED**
Roseola, sixth disease	**NOT EXCLUDED**	**NOT EXCLUDED**
Scabies	**EXCLUDE** until the day after treatment has commenced.	**NOT EXCLUDED**
School sores (impetigo)	**EXCLUDE** until 24 hours of appropriate antibiotics have been completed. Cover sores on exposed areas with a waterproof dressing until sores are dry, and encourage handwashing.	**NOT EXCLUDED**
Shiga toxin-producing E.coli (STEC)	**EXCLUDE** until diarrhoea has stopped and 2 samples have tested negative. *Contact your Public Health Unit for specialist advice.*	**EXCLUSION MAY APPLY** *Contact your Public Health Unit for specialist advice.*
Slapped cheek syndrome, fifth disease (parvovirus B19, erythema infectiosum)	**NOT EXCLUDED** pregnant women should consult with their doctor. **Note:** Children are contagious until 24 hours after the fever resolves. Rashes generally occur after the infectious period has passed.	**NOT EXCLUDED** pregnant women should consult with their doctor.
Shigellosis	**EXCLUDE** until there has been no diarrhoea or vomiting for 48 hours. *Contact your Public Health Unit for specialist advice.*	**EXCLUSION MAY APPLY** *Contact your Public Health Unit for specialist advice.*
Shingles (herpes zoster)	**EXCLUDE** all children until blisters have dried and crusted. **EXCLUDE** adults if blisters are unable to be covered. **NOT EXCLUDED** in adults if blisters can be covered with a waterproof dressing until they have dried.	**EXCLUSION MAY APPLY** *Contact your Public Health Unit for specialist advice, including advice for pregnant women and any person who is immuno-compromised (including receiving chemotherapy).*
Streptococcal sore throat (including scarlet fever)	**EXCLUDE** until 24 hours of appropriate antibiotics have been completed.	**NOT EXCLUDED**
*Tuberculosis (TB)[2]	**EXCLUDE** until written medical clearance is received from the relevant Tuberculosis Control Unit.	**NOT EXCLUDED**
*Typhoid[2] and paratyphoid fever[2]	**EXCLUDE** until appropriate antibiotics have been completed.[1] Stool sample clearance will be required, *contact your Public Health Unit for specialist advice.*	**EXCLUSION MAY APPLY** *Contact your Public Health Unit for specialist advice.*
*Whooping cough (pertussis)[2]	**EXCLUDE** until 5 days after starting appropriate antibiotics or for 21 days from onset of cough AND confirmed that they are not infectious.[1] *Contact your Public Health Unit for specialist advice.*	**EXCLUSION MAY APPLY** for contacts of an infected person. *Contact your Public Health Unit for specialist advice regarding exclusion of non-or incompletely vaccinated contacts.*
Worms	**EXCLUDE** until diarrhoea has stopped for 24 hours and treatment has occurred.	**NOT EXCLUDED**

This is an assistive tool, it is not intended to replace clinical assessment, management or judgment.

If you have any medical concerns, contact your healthcare provider or 13 HEALTH (13432584)

For further advice on the information within this poster, contact your nearest Public Health Unit via 13Health or at www.health.qld.gov.au/system-governance/contact-us/contact/public-health-units

Further information on recommendations:

- Communicable Diseases Network Australia (CDNA) guidelines https://www1.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/cdnasongs.htm
- National Health and Medical Research Council publication: infectious diseases in early childhood and education and care services, 5th edition www.nhmrc.gov.au/guidelines-publications/ch55
- Queensland Department of health Communicable Disease Control Guidance http://disease-control.health.qld.gov.au

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