

We have a diagnosed case of Pertussis (whooping cough, bordetella pertussis) in the school. If you have any concerns, please contact your family doctor for recommendations and advice.

**Dept of Health
Government of WA
Communicable Disease Guidelines
2010 Edition**

PERTUSSIS

NOTIFIABLE— A highly contagious, acute respiratory, bacterial infection.

- Transmission: Airborne or droplet; direct contact with contaminated nose or throat secretions.
- Incubation period: About 7 to 10 days.
- Infectious period: From onset of runny nose to 3 weeks (21 days) after onset of cough..
- Exclusion: Exclude for 14 days from the onset of cough or for 5 days after starting antibiotic treatment.
- Contacts: Contact management will be co-ordinated by Department of Health Staff.
- Treatment: Antibiotics as recommended by doctor—refer to doctor..
- Immunisation: Refer to WA Vaccination 1st January 2010 Schedule