

Conjunctivitis

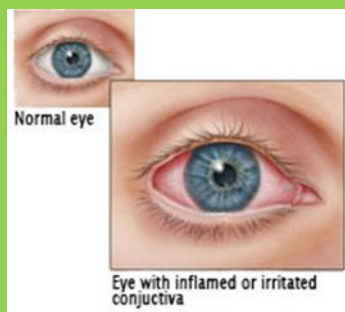
Conjunctivitis is an infection of the clear layer which covers the white area of the eye. It can be caused by an allergic reaction or it can be viral or bacterial which is very contagious.

Symptoms:

Allergic conjunctivitis red, itch and watery eyes...itchy nose and sneezing can occur also

Viral conjunctivitis can cause red, gritty eyes with a watery discharge and can happen with flu-like symptoms.

Bacterial conjunctivitis may start off one eye and can move to the other can also cause red and gritty eyes. This type will however have clear or yellow pus-like discharge and can make the eyes stick together overnight when sleeping as a crust may form.



Treatment:

You must seek medical advice and they will advise you on the best treatment to use depending on what symptoms your child may have.

Children who present to school with Conjunctivitis will be sent home. Once treatment has commenced they can return 24 hours later.