



Early Years Foundation Stage

Sick Child's Policy

We promote the good health of children attending the setting. When a child becomes ill the setting will contact their parents and or carer at the earliest opportunity. This policy is to be read in conjunction with Managing Medicines Policy.

We will:

- Inform Ofsted and the Health Protection Agency of notifiable diseases in line with national requirements.
- For the sake of all of the our children any child who is ill or recovering from an infection or illness should not attend the setting until they are completely recovered.
- Work in partnership with other professionals and or agencies regarding to support any child with specific health issues to ensure they are fully included in all aspects of our provision.
- If appropriate let other parents know about any infectious diseases at the setting, and ensure confidentiality issues are adhered to.
- Discuss with parents the procedure to be followed in response to a child who is infectious to prevent the spread of infection, and take appropriate action if a child becomes ill.
- If a child is unwell on arrival at the setting the needs of the child will be paramount in assessing the child's wellbeing to remain at the setting.

The procedure to be followed should a child become ill:

1. Identify symptoms and take temperature.
2. Phone the parent and or carer if sickness starts while the child is at the setting.
3. Take care of the child in a quiet room.
4. If the child has a high temperature try to reduce it by removing some of their clothing and sponging with tepid water until the parent or carer arrives.
5. To control cross infection, the following incubation periods should be adhered too:

Children should not attend the setting if they are suffering from any of the following illnesses. Please keep the child at home for the recommended number of days:

COMMUNICABLE DISEASES AND RECOVERY TIMESCALES	
CHICKEN POX	Until blisters are all crusted, or skin has healed. A minimum of 5 days from onset of rash
CONJUNCTIVITIS	Until infection has cleared or prescribed antibiotic drops have been administered for a minimum of 24 hours
DIARRHOEA	For 48 hours after symptoms have cleared
GERMAN MEASLES-RUBELLA	Minimum of 5 days after rash appears
HAND, FOOT AND MOUTH	Whilst the child is unwell
HEAD LICE	When treatment has been carried out successfully
IMPETIGO	48 hours after starting antibiotic treatment
MEASLES	For 5 days after onset of rash
MUMPS	For 5 days (after onset of swollen glands)
RINGWORM	When treatment has commenced
ROTAVIRUS	For 48 hours from last episode of diarrhoea or vomiting
SCABIES	Child can return after first treatment has been completed
SCARLET FEVER	For a minimum of 5 days (once antibiotics commenced)
THREADWORM	When treatment has commenced
VOMITTING	For 48 hours after symptoms have cleared

WHOOPING COUGH	5 days from start of antibiotic treatment or 21 days from onset of illness if no antibiotic treatment prescribed by GP
ANITBOTICS	Children on antibiotics must be excluded from Nursery for the first 24 hours
A TEMPERATURE	Until temperature is normal for 24 hours or on the advice of a doctor

Please note this list is not exhaustive and the advice is taken from the Guidance for Schools & Nurseries from the Health Prevention Agency. We also refer to the NHS Direct Healthcare Guide. Please seek medical advice if you are unsure or concerned.

This policy was adopted on	Signed on behalf of setting	Date for review
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