

Illness/ Exclusion Policy



In line with the Health Protection Agency's 'Guidance on Infection Control in Schools and other Childcare Settings March 2017', we do not provide care for children who are unwell, have a temperature, have sickness or diarrhoea or who have an infectious disease.

The setting adopts a 48-hour rule for sickness and diarrhoea. This means that babies, children and staff cannot return to the setting until 48 hours after their last bout of sickness and/or diarrhoea.

Young children's nappies will be individually monitored. If a baby is displaying obvious sickness and diarrhoea they will be sent home. However, loose nappies will be monitored and after two loose nappies, parents will be notified and asked to take the baby home. For older children, with obvious sickness and diarrhoea, the parents/carers will be contacted and asked to collect them immediately.

In the event of your child/children becoming ill whilst at the setting, the staff will follow the outlined procedure below:

- Keyperson/Back-up Keyperson and person in charge to be informed.
- Description of the symptoms/problem to be relayed to the appropriate staff.
- Keyperson to assess the child and decide on the appropriate action required, with consideration to any health management plan in place.
- If the child is thought to have an infectious disease or is deemed too unwell to attend the setting, the Keyperson/Back up Keyperson will contact the child's parents/carers to ask them to collect the child.
- If the child's parent/carers are unavailable emergency contact numbers will then be used.
- While the child is deemed well enough to attend the setting, or is awaiting collection by his/her parents, the child will be offered fluids and supported in a quiet or rest area.

For individual's displaying COVID-19 symptoms (high temp, new continuous cough or loss or change in sense of smell or taste), the member of staff caring for the child will; notify other staff so they may contact the child's parents to collect them, make use of PPE, take the child to a well ventilated or outdoor area to wait for collection. Parents will be advised to self-isolate at home until they receive a negative test result or have remained at home for a minimum of 10 days. A deep clean of the preschool will take place for any suspected case.

Children with headlice are not excluded, but must be treated to remedy the condition. Parents are notified if there is a case of headlice in the setting.

Parents and visitors are notified if there is an infectious disease, such as chicken pox.

Good hygiene practice concerning the clearing of any spilled bodily fluids is carried out at all times. HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus) may affect children or families attending the setting. Staff will be informed about this on a need to know basis. Children or families are not excluded because of HIV.

Staff suffering from sickness and diarrhoea do not handle food and are sent home as soon as staffing ratios allow. Staff are not able to return to work until they have been clear of sickness or diarrhoea for 48 hours.

The Public Health England South Region (Tel 0300 303 8162) and Ofsted are notified of any infectious/ notifiable disease that a qualified medical person considers notifiable. (Infectious Disease (Notification) Act 1889), including what steps are being taken to minimise the risk.

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Child needs to be sent home immediately	Child does not need to be sent home immediately
<p>Staff to make use of PPE</p> <p>Contact parent/ carer</p> <p>Move child to a more appropriate area of the nursery</p> <p>Make child suitably comfortable, Encourage rest/ fluids, whatever is required/ appropriate to their illness symptoms</p> <p>Dress/ undress appropriately</p> <p>Comfort and reassure child/ren</p> <p>Update and inform parents/ carer on collection</p> <p>Advise Doctors appointment if this is felt necessary</p> <p>Request the parent/ carer phones later/ next day/ after Dr. appointment to inform the setting of the diagnosis</p>	<p>Make child suitably comfortable Encourage rest/ fluids, whatever is required/ appropriate to their illness symptoms</p> <p>Encourage quiet activity</p> <p>Inform all staff of the situation and advise close monitoring if child moves away to play</p> <p>Dress/ undress appropriately</p> <p>Regularly assess child/ ren</p> <p>Update and inform parents/ carer on collection</p> <p>Advise doctors appointment if felt necessary</p> <p>Request parent/ carer phones later/ next day if there is any developments or diagnosis</p>

Notify other users of the setting if the child is discovered to have an infectious/contagious condition/illness respecting the privacy of the ill child/family

Advise parent/carer on the agreed time of return to the setting, taking into consideration the illness and required incubation periods.

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