

Children's sickness Policy.

This policy is displayed around the nursery so that parents are aware of our policy on the exclusion of ill or infectious children.

We are unable to provide care for children who are unwell, have high temperatures, sickness and/or diarrhoea, or who have an infectious disease. This is in line with the Health Protection Agency's Guidance on Infection Control in schools or other childcare settings.

We therefore ask the parents to be aware that their child may be asked to leave the nursery for the period of time it takes for their child to make a full recovery. However, on return, if the nursery feels this point has not been reached the parents will be contacted once again and asked to come and pick up their child.

Our nursery adopts a 48-hour rule for sickness and/or diarrhoea. This means that babies, children and staff cannot return to nursery until 48-hours after their final episode of sickness or diarrhoea.

Any children wearing nappies will be individually monitored. If a child is displaying obvious sickness and/or diarrhoea they will be sent home. However, loose nappies will be monitored and after 2 loose nappies, parents will be informed and asked to come and collect their child.

If a child is recovering from an infection that has required antibiotics and they have been on their medication for **more than 24 hours**, you are welcome to bring them back into nursery along with their medicine and two members of staff will administer the required dosage in accordance with our medication policy. Please remember that your child must also be able to cope with a full and active nursery day, participating in outdoor play and other energetic activities.

- Children with head lice are not excluded from the nursery, but they must be treated to cure the condition.
- Parents will be notified if there is a case of head lice within the setting.
- Parents will be notified if there is an infectious disease within the setting, for example chicken pox.

At least one member of staff who holds a current 12 hour paediatric first aid certificate must be on the premises at all times.

This policy / procedure has been checked, reviewed and updated in **February 2012**.

_____Nursery Manager