

## Sick Child Policy

This policy should help you determine whether your child is well enough to attend nursery. You as the parents/carers, are ultimately responsible in determining your child's ability to participate with the daily activities. While we sympathise with the needs of each parent and their child, we must provide a healthy environment for the other children within the nursery.

All parents will be given a copy of this policy with the Registration Pack, so that they are aware of our policy on the exclusion of ill or infectious children.

We do not provide care for children who are unwell, have 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 and other child care settings.

- If your child has had diarrhoea they should not return to nursery until 48 hours after the diarrhoea has ended.
- If your child has been vomiting they should not return to nursery until 48 hours after the vomiting has ended.
- If your child has had a temperature over 101°F or 38°C please keep them at home until their temperature returns to normal.
- If your child has a rash and you are unsure of the cause we would ask you get it checked out before they return to nursery.
- If your child has head lice please do not bring them into nursery until you have treated your child. If we notice head lice on your child you will be contacted and asked to collect your child they should not return to nursery until they have been treated. Continued daily treatment is advised until the cycle has been broken.
- If your child has any contagious diseases they may not return to nursery until all symptoms have cleared. The Health Protection Agency poster that is displayed within the nursery contains details on all exclusion periods. These diseases include:
  - Chicken Pox
  - Gastroenteritis
  - Hand, Foot and Mouth
  - Impetigo
  - Measles
  - Mumps
  - Ringworm
  - Scabies
  - Scarlet Fever
  - Rubella (German Measles)
  - Whooping cough
- Children with chicken pox are allowed to return to nursery when the spots have dried up (scabbed over).

Please see the Health Protection Agency poster for details on exclusion periods for the above, this poster can be found in the hallway by the staffroom.

**If in any doubt please phone the nursery and the staff will advise you whether your child should attend.**

If a child becomes unwell whilst at nursery the staff will contact parents/carers to collect within the hour, if we are not able to contact the parent/carer we will ring the next contact on the registration form and they will be asked to collect within the hour. Should we be unable to contact anyone in a severe emergency an ambulance will be called. See sick child procedure.

**Other related documents:**   **Sick Child Procedure (Pg 114)**  
  **Weather – Extreme Heat Policy (Pg 137)**  
  **Sickness Monitor Form**  
  **Health Protection Agency Guidance Poster**