



Children Sickness

Our aim is to provide the best possible care for all our children. Therefore, we cannot accept sick children at the scheme especially when they are contagious to others.

It is the parent's responsibility to ensure their child does not attend the scheme and put other children/staff at risk. Therefore, if a parent continually sends a sick or unwell child to the scheme we will be forced to review the child's place. You are requested to report all absences due to sickness to the team at the scheme before your child is due to attend.

Please use the following guidelines before bringing your child back to the scheme:

- Colds and Flu: The child should have a normal temperature and feel fit and healthy.
- Conjunctivitis: Cream must have been received from the doctor and treatment should have commenced. Eyes should not have any discharge from them (usually 48hours).
- Chicken Pox: All spots must be completely scabbed over (usually 5 days incubation period).
- Impetigo: Medical advice must have been sought and sores must not be weeping.
- Hand, Foot and Mouth: All sores must have been treated by a doctor and sores should not be weeping.
- Head lice: Children will not initially be sent home however parents will be notified so that treatment process can commence as soon as the child gets home. A child's hair must be tied back (if long enough) to minimise spread. All parents will be notified a case of head lice has been discovered to ensure they do not spread.
- Measles: Rash should have gone and child acting healthy.
- Sickness/diarrhoea: At least 48 hours should pass since the last bout before attending the scheme.
- Temperature: The normal temperature for a child is 37°C, if any child's temperature reaches 39°C or above parents will be contacted for medical advice or collection.
- Unknown rashes: Medical advice should be sought.
- Broken limbs / Stitches: According to medical advice and based on the individual child - this needs to be discussed with the Manager who will carry out a risk assessment.

PLEASE NOTE THAT IF A UNWELL CHILD NEEDS ONE TO ONE ATTENTION WE CANNOT PROVIDE ONE TO ONE CARE AT THE SCHEME.

If your child needs to receive medication while in our care please see the policy regarding administering medication.

You will be contacted by a member of staff to collect your child if they become ill while in our care. The child will be cared for by a member of staff in a quiet area away from other children until parents / carers arrive to collect them.

If a child has a notifiable illness, serious injury resulting in disability; or death of a child the Manager will contact the Department of Health and Ofsted.

If a child has an injury sustained away from the scheme Ofsted require that an 'existing injury form' is completed.