

Illness Policy

The provider must promote the good health of children attending the setting. They must have a procedure, discussed with parents and/or carers, for responding to children who are ill or infectious, take necessary steps to prevent the spread of infection, and take appropriate action if children are ill.' (EYFS: Section 3: 3.44: p27)

It is the policy of the Company to encourage and promote good health and hygiene of all the children attending. This includes the monitoring of children for signs and symptoms of communicable diseases such as Chicken Pox, Mumps, Meningitis, Rubella (German Measles), Measles, Hepatitis, diarrhoea, vomiting and temperatures of 101 Fahrenheit or 38 Centigrade.

When a child becomes ill it is the policy of the setting to exclude them (where indicated) as soon as is practicable to reduce the possibility of cross-infection. If it is the opinion of the senior staff that a child is ill then the parent/carer will be contacted and asked to come and collect them as soon as possible. The time of the exclusion will vary with the cause and the following guidelines have been laid down. It must, however, be recognised that each case must be considered individually and severity of symptoms may be an influencing factor.

Disease/Illness	Minimum Exclusion Period
Antibiotics prescribed	24 hours to allow antibiotic time to take effect. Only return to nursery if they are well enough to do so
Chickenpox	5 days from appearance of rash or until scabbed over
Conjunctivitis	No Exclusion Period
Diarrhoea	48 hours after last bout
Gastro-enteritis, food poisoning	48 hours or until advised by the doctor or until child is well
Hand, Foot & Mouth	No Exclusion Period
Impetigo	Until the skin is healed or 48 hours from antibiotics
Infective Hepatitis	7 days from onset of jaundice & when recovered
Measles	5 days after appearance of rash
Meningococcal infection (meningitis)	Until fully recovered
Mumps	5 days minimum or until the swelling has subsided
Pediculosis (lice)	Until appropriate treatment has been given
Pertussis (Whooping Cough)	5 days of antibiotic treatment or until well enough
Plantar warts	No exclusion. Should be treated and covered
Pneumococcal Infection (pneumococcus)	24 hours after start of antibiotics
Poliomyelitis (Polio)	Until declared free from infection by Community Health
Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV)	Until fully recovered
Ringworm of body	Seldom necessary to exclude provided treatment is being given
Ringworm of scalp	Until treatment started and spread prevention in place
Rubella (German Measles)	6 days from appearance of the rash
Scabies	Need not be excluded once appropriate treatment has been given and the area can be covered
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after starting antibiotics
Slapped Cheek Syndrome (Fifth Disease)	No Exclusion Period
Staphylococcal Infection (MRSA)	No Exclusion Period
Tuberculosis	Until declared free from infection by Community Health 2 weeks treatment minimum
Typhoid Fever	Until declared free from infection by Community Health
Unknown Temperature	24 hrs – a complete day away
Vomiting	48 hours after last bout
Coronavirus	Self-isolate for 7 days (positive test)

This list is not exhaustive and other illnesses may occur from time to time. Consultation with a senior member of staff should be undertaken for all children. There is further information in

the Managers Handbook (HS7) on signs, symptoms and exclusion periods for a range of illnesses.

Please be aware that your child should be well enough to be at nursery and take part in activities throughout the day including going outside.

Review of Policy

This policy is reviewed annually.

Review date – December 2021