

Sickness policy

Our policy for the exclusion of ill or infectious children is discussed with parents using guidelines from the *Infections in Children* folder kept both in the office and by the nursery entrance.

This document contains comprehensive notes on how long a child should be kept off nursery following various illnesses. Please do ask if you are not sure how long you should keep your child at home.

Children suffering from sickness or diarrhoea will not be able to attend nursery until 48 hours after the last bout of illness. This will assist in preventing spread of infection to other children and nursery staff.

Parents are asked to inform the nursery as to the nature of any illness or infectious disease so that the nursery can alert other parents. Staff will make careful observations of any child who seems unwell.

A notice will be displayed on the Parents' Notice boards to notify parents of any cases of communicable or infectious diseases that have been reported to the nursery.

When a child becomes ill at nursery every effort will be made to contact the parent so that the child can be collected. Whilst waiting for the parent to arrive a member of staff will sit with the child in a quiet area and care for the child's needs appropriately.

The nursery has a duty to notify Ofsted of any notifiable diseases such as scarlet fever, mumps, meningitis.