

INFECTION & ILLNESS POLICY

On occasions there are instances when we must ask for a child not to be brought to Nursery, both for the child's well being and to safeguard other children and members of staff from infection.

We request that children are not brought to the Nursery suffering from any of the following infections (the list does not contain every condition – please seek advice from staff for other problems):-

| DISEASE/ILLNESS/CONDITION | MINIMUM PERIOD OF EXCLUSION |
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| Chickenpox | 6 days from onset of rash |
| German Measles | 4 days from onset of rash |
| Measles | 7 days from onset of rash |
| Mumps | Until swelling has subsided |
| Whooping Cough | 21 days from onset of cough |
| Head lice | Until treatment has been given |
| Impetigo | Until spots have healed (weeping spots usually around the nose and mouth. |
| Scabies | Until adequate treatment completed |
| Hand, Foot & Mouth Disease | Until lesions have healed |
| Conjunctivitis | Until eyes are clear of stickiness |
| Gastrointestinal Infection | Until at least 48 hours are diarrhoea and/or vomiting has stopped. |
| Streptococcal Infection (sore throat) | Until recovered or at least 48 hours on Antibiotics. |
| Threadworm | After treatment. |
| Temperature accompanied by Sickness | Until temperature returns to normal |
| Injuries | Children with broken limbs can return once plaster is set and on receipt of Medical advice. Children with stitches can return once they are removed and on receipt of medical advice. |

To prevent the spread of infection and for the child's own comfort, please keep them at home if they are ill. Medication will only be administered with the appropriate consent form.

If your child will not be attending nursery, due to sickness, please inform us as soon as possible. Let us know immediately if your child has an infectious illness so we may inform other parents.

If your child becomes unwell at the nursery you will be informed and required to collect your child. Staff will ensure that the child is made as comfortable as possible until they are collected