

Whiteley Preschool Sick Children Policy



This policy is to be read in conjunction with the Medication Policy and Procedure and the Safeguarding Children and Child Protection Policy.

In the event of a child being obviously unwell, he/she must not be sent into preschool. We take our duty to prevent the spread of infection very seriously, therefore, insist on high standards of personal hygiene and practice; particularly hand washing and maintaining a clean environment.

To prevent the spread of sickness, children will be excluded from attending preschool when suffering from infectious diseases such as Chicken Pox, diarrhoea and vomiting, and contagious skin conditions, e.g. Impetigo, Scabies etc.

The following table shows the recommended period of exclusion (taken from the HPA guidance):

Illness / infection	Recommended period of exclusion
Diarrhoea and vomiting	48 hours from last episode of diarrhoea and vomiting
Chicken pox	5 days from onset of rash/spots have scabbed over and dried
Impetigo	Until lesions are crusted or healed
Conjunctivitis	None although, we recommend that medical advice is sought as it is highly contagious
Scabies	Child can return after first treatment
Coronavirus (symptomatic/positive)	10 days

For a full list please see the guidance poster within the main preschool room.

Parents must regularly check their child for Head Lice and treat accordingly.

Children must not be returned to preschool immediately after their immunisation injections, as occasionally they may suffer reactions to the injections.

Medicines

- Medicines may be administered in line with the Medication Policy and Procedure.
- Written Parental Medicine Agreement must be provided for all non-prescribed medicine in addition to the Medication Consent Form which must be completed and signed by the parent / carer for each medicine.

All medicines received must be clearly labelled, in date and with the child's name. Once the child has received his/her medication the administrator will sign the form. The preschool Manager must be informed if a child has been seen by his/her G.P. or is receiving medication.

If a child becomes ill whilst at the preschool, every effort will be made to contact the parent/carer to discuss the child's symptoms and arrange for the child to be collected. Accident / Illness Monitoring Sheets will then be completed until the parent/carer arrives. If the parent cannot be reached after a few attempts the emergency contact will be telephoned. **It is essential that contact numbers and emergency contacts are kept up to date.** If a child becomes ill during an outing, the parents / carers will be contacted as above with details of where their child is; to enable the child to be collected.

In case of injury or sickness requiring medical attention:

- Initially, first aid will be administered by a qualified first aider
- The parent/carer will be contacted, and further action agreed, e.g. parent may wish to collect child to take to their GP
- An ambulance will be called in an emergency
- All injuries from the neck upwards will be reported straight to the Manager or person in charge that day. Parents/emergency contacts will be contacted on the telephone if their child obtains an injury of this type; they can then decide to collect their child or not.

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Signed:.....Chairperson