



Holly Hill Nursery

SICKNESS POLICY

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Any child who appears to be unwell should not be brought into nursery. If a child is unwell then they will prefer to be at home with their parents/carers rather than at nursery with their peers. We will follow these procedures to ensure the welfare of all children in the nursery. If you are in any doubt please telephone nursery first

We must consider the health of all the children and staff in the nursery.

Should a child become ill at nursery, the parent/carer will be informed and asked to collect their child as soon as possible, the child will be comforted by their key worker until their collection can be arranged.

We can only give Calpol to a child if their parent/carer has previously signed a consent form. We can only give Emergency Calpol once in a day, if a child needs further doses then there may be an underlying problem which needs to be addressed, and the child must go home.

Certain illnesses, conditions require that a child **should not** attend nursery e.g. conjunctivitis, measles, chicken pox, diarrhoea, vomiting and fever over 101 degrees with no apparent symptoms. In fact, any condition which may be easily passed on to others.

In the case of sickness & diarrhoea there is a 48-hour exclusion period to prevent spread of infection. The 48 hours has to begin after the last time the child vomited etc.,

As infections spread quickly among small children it is our policy to request that the child be excluded from nursery until they are no longer infectious and are well enough to return.

All equipment & toys that the child may have been in contact with will be cleaned & sterilised thoroughly to prevent further infection.

It is important that children are not subjected to the rigours of a nursery day when they have first become ill and require a course of antibiotic, therefore is to exclude children on antibiotic for the first 48 hours of the course.

The nursery has the right to exclude a child who is not well. The decision will be taken by the manager or senior on duty and is non-negotiable
Information is readily available regarding head lice. We would ask that parents/carers

regularly check children's hair. If a parent/carer finds that their child has head lice we would be grateful if they could inform the nursery so that the other parents/carers can be alerted to check their child's hair.

Meningitis Procedures

If a parent informs the nursery that their child has meningitis, the Manager should contact the Infection Control Nurse for their area, and Ofsted. The IC Nurse will give guidance and support in each individual case. If parents/carers do not inform the nursery, we will be contacted directly by the IC Nurse and the appropriate support will be given.

Transporting Children to Hospital Procedure.

If the sickness is severe, call an ambulance immediately. DO NOT attempt to transport the sick child in your own vehicle.

Whilst waiting for the ambulance, contact the parent/carer and arrange to meet them at the hospital.

A senior member of staff must accompany the child and collect together any registration forms, relevant medication sheets, medications and the child's comforter.

Remain calm at all times. Children who witness an incident may well be affected by it and may need lots of cuddles and reassurance. Where possible remove the other children from the situation, taking them to another area/room.

Parents/carers will be notified via the parents notice board or letter, of any infectious diseases within the nursery.

All of the above is for the protection of health & safety for every child within the nursery.

