

SICK CHILD/ILLNESS POLICY

Parents will be asked to keep their children at home if they have any infection, and to inform the pre-school as to the nature of the infection so that other parents can be alerted if required. Please also see our *Infection & Prevention Policies*

- Parents will be asked not to bring to the pre-school any child who has been vomiting or had diarrhoea until at least **48** hours has elapsed since the last episode. Children cannot come to Pre School if they have a high temperature and can only return **48** hours after last spike in temperature
- Staff should not attend the pre-school if they are unwell, nor should children of staff be brought to the pre-school if they carry any risk of infection.
- Cuts or open sores must be covered with a suitable clean dressing.

If a child is taken ill during Pre school they will be made comfortable and the parents contacted to take them home. The child should be kept under regular observation that should be recorded on the register. The child should remain at home for at least 24 hours and should only return when well.

Definition of a well child:

- A child who is not reliant on Calpol or Ibuprofen.
- A child who does not have a high temperature
- A child who is not reliant on one to one attention and can take part in all aspects of the Pre School morning in line with their usual needs

If a child's sickness is having a negative impact on their wellbeing which is out of the child's character and cannot be settled after various attempts then parents will be contacted to collect.

The first parent/main carer listed in the Starter Pack form will be contacted first (unless parental arrangements differ for particular days).

If a child is on prescribed medication the following procedures will be followed:

- Only medicine prescribed by a doctor may be administered at pre-school when the dosage required is 4 times a day. Medicine containing Aspirin will only be given if prescribed by a doctor. See Medicine Policy and administration Procedure
- Written information will be obtained from the parent, giving clear instructions about the dosage, administration of the medication and permission for a named member of staff to follow the instructions. See Medicine Policy and administration Procedure (form must be completed)

- All medication will be kept in a high cupboard in the kitchen area or in the fridge if required (which is not accessible by any children).
- A record will be maintained – name of child receiving medication; times that the medication should be administered; date and time when medication is administered; signature of person who has administered each dose, together with a witness.

With regard to the administration of life saving medication such as insulin/adrenaline injections or the use of nebulisers, the position will be clarified by reference to the pre-school's insurance company.