

## Sickness policy

This policy sets out the procedures for contacting parents – or other authorised adults – if a child becomes ill while in the setting.

- We do not provide care for children, who are unwell, have a temperature, or sickness and diarrhoea, or who have an infectious disease.
- If a child or staff member has suffered from any diarrhoea and/or vomiting, they must not attend the setting until they have been symptom free for 48hours.
- If a child becomes ill during a session, every attempt will be made to contact one of the people listed on the registration form, to arrange collection of the sick child. The child will be cared for until collected.
- Children with head lice are not excluded, but **must** be treated to remedy the condition.
- Children and families are not excluded because of HIV.
- If a member of staff becomes ill during a session, adequate staff cover will be organised enabling the staff member to go home. If they require assistance, contact will be made with the necessary person (relative or other staff contact) who will be able to assist the staff member to travel home.
- If a child or staff member has a communicable disease, (other than HIV or Hepatitis B) they should not attend the setting until they are no longer infectious.
- If we have reason to believe that any child is suffering from a notifiable disease identified as such in the Public Health (Infection Diseases) Regulations 1988, we will inform the Health Protection Agency (HPA) and will act on any advice given by the HPA and inform Ofsted of any action taken.
- We will notify Ofsted, within 14 days, of any food poisoning affecting two or more children looked after on the premises

If exclusion of a child needs to be implemented due to illness or infection, this will be discussed on an individual basis with the parents/carers. Preschool will seek professional guidance to help inform their decision.