



Castle Hill Village Nursery



Sickness & Exclusion Policy

Statement of Intent

This setting believes that the health of children is of paramount importance. We make our setting a safe and healthy place for children, parent/carers, staff and volunteers.

Aim

We aim to make children, parents/carers and staff aware of health issues as soon as possible in order to minimise the risk of infection and enable the children to thrive in a healthy and safe environment.

Sickness

Our policy for the exclusion of ill or infectious children is available to all. This includes procedures for contacting parent/carers - or other authorised adults should a child become ill whilst 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
- Children with head lice are not excluded, but must be treated as soon as possible to remedy the condition
- Parent/carers are notified if there is a case of head lice in the setting
- Parent/carers are notified if there is an infectious disease i.e. chicken pox
- Good hygiene practice concerning the clearing of any spilled bodily fluids is carried out quickly and efficiently
- Staff suffering from sickness and diarrhoea follow the staff nursery policies and procedures

The local authority's medical officer for environmental health is notified of any infectious diseases that a qualified medical person considers notifiable. (Infectious Disease (Notification) Act 1889)

A list of common childhood illnesses and exclusion times are as follows:

- **Sickness and /or diarrhoea:** children will be excluded from nursery for a period of 48 hours from the last episode of either. Parent/carers are asked to notify nursery when this was to prevent further spread of the infection.
- If sickness and /or diarrhoea starts at nursery parent/carers will be asked to collect their child immediately and the exclusion stated will apply
- **Conjunctivitis:** children with the symptoms of conjunctivitis are permitted back to nursery following medical advice and one clear treatment of drops/ointment. If symptoms are found at nursery parent/carers will be asked to collect their child and follow the above protocol. Children can be returned to nursery as soon as one treatment is given
- **High temperature:** children with a high temperature should remain at home until the temperature returns to normal. If a high temperature happens at nursery, parent/carers will be called permission to give paracetamol sought and parent/carers asked to collect within one hour of the administration of paracetamol. If the child's temperature does not change or increases parent/carers will be asked to collect immediately.
- **Impetigo:** children suffering with impetigo are excluded from nursery until the infected area is 'crusted' and healed or 48 hours after start of antibiotics
- **Chicken pox:** children suffering from chicken pox are excluded from nursery for 5 days from the appearance of the rash or until spots scab over

Antibiotics may be given by nursery, dependent on the outcome of a consultation with the Nursery Manager.

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