



Managing children who are sick or infectious

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Our policy for the exclusion of ill or infectious children is discussed with parent/carers. This includes procedures for contacting parent/carers - or other authorised adults - if a child becomes ill while in the setting.

- Following Ofsted statutory requirements, we do not provide care for children who are unwell, have a temperature, or sickness and diarrhoea, or who have an infectious disease. With parent/carers permission, we will administer one dose of children’s Paracetamol or Ibuprofen to start to relieve fever while the child is waiting to be collected. Children must be collected within ½ hour of the medicine being administered.
- If a child is unwell during the day e.g. has a temperature, sickness or diarrhoea, the child’s key person or manager calls the parents/carers or emergency contact and asks them to collect the child.
- If a child has a temperature they are kept cool, by removing top clothing, sponging their head with cool water, but kept away from any draughts, and with permission from parents/carers, administer one dose of Paracetamol or Ibuprofen.
- Children’s temperatures are taken with a thermometer that is kept in the first aid boxes.
- Parents/carers are asked to take their child to the doctor before returning them to nursery. The nursery can refuse admittance to children who have a temperature, sickness and diarrhoea or a contagious infection or disease.
- Where children have been prescribed antibiotics, parents are asked to keep them at home for 48 hours before returning to the setting.
- After sickness or diarrhoea children must be kept at home for 48 hours after the sickness and diarrhoea has stopped. This is adhering to the Health Protection Agency guidelines.
- Children with headlice are not excluded, but must be treated to remedy the condition.
- Parent/carers are notified if there is a case of headlice in the setting.
- Parent/carers are notified if there is an infectious disease, such as chicken pox.
- HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus) may affect children or families attending the setting. Staff may or may not be informed about it.
- Children or families are not excluded because of HIV.
- Good hygiene practice concerning the clearing of any spilled bodily fluids is carried out at all times.
- Staff suffering from sickness and diarrhoea **must not** handle food.
- Ofsted is notified of any infectious diseases that a qualified medical person considers notifiable.
- If a child or adult is diagnosed suffering from a notifiable disease under the Public Health (Infectious Diseases) Regulations 1988, the GP will report this to the Health Protection Agency.
- When the setting becomes aware, or is formally informed of the notifiable disease, the manager informs Ofsted and acts on any advice given by the Health Protection Agency.

This policy was adopted at a meeting of Westlands Nursery.

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