



Sick Child Policy

We appreciate that as a working parent it is inconvenient if you have to take time off when your child is unwell, but children that are unwell are better care for in their own home by close members of their family. We are happy to care for children with minor coughs and colds but we will not care for children who are infectious or running a high temperature. It is unfair to the other children in the setting. Therefore if your child is not well enough to participate in our normal daily activities, including going out, then they are not well enough to be with us.

Diarrhoea: In normal circumstances we will wait for three loose motions before we will send a child home but if diarrhoea and/or sickness has recently been present in the setting we will contact a parent after the first loose motion. It is imperative that parents are honest about their child's motions as diarrhoea and sickness spreads is highly infectious. Diarrhoea can sometimes be linked to teething but is usually accompanied by other symptoms such as a raised temperature, reddened cheeks and/or gums, excessive dribbling, poor appetite, chewing, restlessness and irritability. Therefore, if your child has had diarrhoea or sickness in the last 48 hours, please do not bring them to the setting but call to inform us, so we can warn other parents. See *Exclusion* policy.

If your child becomes ill whilst in our care, we will make them as comfortable as possible, isolating them from the other children if necessary and reassuring them. We will contact you and continue to care for your child until you arrive to collect them.

If a child is sent home, a Record of Child Sent Home form is completed and is stored in the child's personal file.

We are happy to administer medication as long as it doesn't contravene our *Administration of Medication* policy.

Associated forms:

- Record of Child Sent Home