



EARLY YEARS FOUNDATION STAGE UNWELL CHILD POLICY

If a child becomes unwell during the day the staff will implement the following procedure:

- Nursery staff must inform the Room Leader or Nursery Manager of a child who is or seems unwell.
- Teaching Assistants will inform the child's teacher if a child seems unwell.
- The Nursery Manager/Room Leader/Teacher will use their discretion as to whether the child will be sent home immediately or if the situation will be monitored.
- Parents will be contacted (or the named emergency contact in their absence) to inform them of their child's condition.
- Parents will either be asked to arrange for the child to be collected as soon as possible or informed of the monitoring process in place.
- If there is likely to be a delay in the collection of an unwell child, nursery staff should record information on the '**Unwell child monitoring form**'.
- The Assistant Head, with responsibility for Early Years, Nursery Manager, the on duty Deputy Manager or Early Years Manager to be informed if the child's condition deteriorates significantly.
- If a child has a temperature, they are kept cool, by removing top clothing, applying a cold compress to their heads, but kept away from draughts. In extreme cases, Calpol may be administered (see EYFS Medication Policy).
- If the child is taken to the GP, parents are asked to inform the Nursery of the outcome.
- As necessary parents to be made aware of the EYFS Medication Policy and Procedures and the Exclusion List.
- Wherever possible, subject to staffing ratios, children who are unwell will be separated (with an adult) from the children.
- Staff will wear protective vinyl gloves and aprons when clearing up vomit, when changing nappies, clothing that are soiled with blood, faeces or vomit.
- Protective rubber gloves are used for cleaning/sluicing clothing after changing. Soiled clothing is rinsed and bagged for parents to collect.
- An antibacterial solution will be used to sterilise the area. Disposable paper cloths used are disposed of with the clinical waste.

If a parent calls to advise that a child is unwell and will not be attending Nursery/School the staff member taking the call will implement the following procedure:

- They will ask for the symptoms of illness.
- If they are advised of any infectious symptoms/illness the parent will be made aware of the procedures and exclusion list.
- If the child is taken to the GP, parents are asked to inform us of the outcome.
- When we become aware of or are formally informed of a notifiable disease or any infectious ailment, our setting will display a poster advising that a confirmed case/s of the disease/ailment has been notified and remind the parents of the exclusion procedures for this. We will also make information available relating to this, if appropriate.