

### Illness and Infectious Diseases Policy

#### Aim

It is our policy to keep children safe when they are in our care, promote good health and take necessary steps to prevent the spread of infection within our childcare setting and while we are off site.

#### Procedures

##### Sick children

If there is a child in our setting who becomes ill whilst in our care, or whom we believe has an infectious illness or disease (for example a severe cold or stomach upset) we will;

- Contact the parents as agreed to arrange for the immediate collection of the child
- Ensure the child is excluded from our setting until they have been well for 48 hours, or in accordance with Health Authority guidelines.

We make parents aware of the **sickness exclusion periods** in the **Parent Information Booklet** at the beginning of their contract with us and keep a record of the arrangements for the exclusion of a child should they become ill whilst in our setting.

We will ask parents/carers to inform us as soon as practicably possible if their child/ren becomes unwell with a communicable illness. These are infections or illnesses caused by bacteria, virus or fungi which can be passed from person to person either directly or indirectly. We are unable to take care of a child until they are better and pose no risk of infection to other children.

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### Guidance on exclusion period for communicable diseases

INFECTION	EXCLUSION
Chickenpox	5 days from the onset of the rash and until all the blisters have dried
Cold sores	None
Conjunctivitis	Until treated
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	No symptoms for 48 hours
Flu	1 week
German Measles	6 days from the onset of the rash
Glandular Fever	None
Hand, Foot and Mouth	None
Head lice	None after treatment
Impetigo	48 hours after treatment has started
Measles	5 days from onset of rash
Mumps	1 week from onset of swollen glands
Ringworm	None after treatment has started
Scabies	1 day after treatment has started
Scarlet Fever	48 hours after treatment started
Slapped cheek disease	Until clinically well (sometimes no exclusion)
Threadworm	None
Tonsillitis	None
Whooping cough	5 days from commencing antibiotics or 3 weeks if left untreated

### Reporting a notifiable disease or illness

If we believe a child in our setting is suffering from a disease or illness which requires notification We will inform the parents/guardians of our concerns and act on advice given by Public Health England(details of which can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/public-health-england> as to when they will be able to return to our setting. We will also inform Ofsted of any action taken. **(Ofsted Notification form available online at: [https://ofstedonline.ofsted.gov.uk/outreach/Ofsted\\_Statutory\\_Notification.ofml](https://ofstedonline.ofsted.gov.uk/outreach/Ofsted_Statutory_Notification.ofml))**

In accordance with the contract agreed with parents we expect to be paid for the child's place even if they are excluded from our setting due to an illness or infectious disease.

If either childminder, or one of the members of our family, has a confirmed infectious disease, we will inform parents as soon as we are able.

If we will not be able to offer our childminding service we do not charge parents for the time the service is unavailable, as agreed in the contract.

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We will inform the parents of the other children in our setting if a child we care for has a diagnosed infectious disease.

### Hygiene

We ensure all adults and children in our setting are aware of good hand-washing procedures, before eating or handling food, after using the toilet, handling animals, outdoor or messy play. One use, clean hand towels are available for the children to use. We will assist babies and infants with personal hygiene and supervise them during eating and drinking.

We ask parents to provide nappies, baby wipes and a folding changing mat (to be carried in their changing bag for offsite activities) for their child.

We ensure there is a supply of tissues available for children.

We immediately clean up any spillage of body fluids using a disposable cloth and gloves.

We wear disposable gloves for changing nappies. We will discard these gloves after each change.

We ensure that any animals on the premises are safe to be around children and do not pose a health risk. We ensure that litter trays and pet food dishes are kept away from children.

We have read and understand the illness and infectious diseases policy

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**England**

Meeting the Early Years Foundation Stage Safeguarding and Welfare Requirements

**Health, Medicines**

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