

CHILDREN'S SICKNESS/ILLNESS POLICY

We at Wishing Well promote the good health of all children attending. To help keep children healthy and minimise infection, we do not expect children to attend nursery if they are unwell. If a child is unwell it is in their best interest to be in a home environment with adults they know well rather than at nursery with their peers.

We do not have the facilities to look after sick children; the responsibility must remain with the parent. We appreciate that work commitments can be disrupted by the nursery requesting that a child be taken home, but we wish to assure you that we only have the needs of both your child and that of others in the nursery in mind.

Our procedures

In order to take appropriate action of children becoming ill and to minimise the spread of infection we implement the following procedures:

- We follow the guidance given to us by PHA on exclusion times for specific illnesses, e.g. sickness and diarrhoea, COVID 19, measles and chicken pox, to protect other children in the nursery.

If Your Child Develops	Must be kept home until
Diarrhoea and/or vomiting	48 hrs from last episode of diarrhoea/vomiting
Chicken pox	Five days from onset of rash and all the lesions have crusted over
Measles/ German measles	4 days from onset of rash.
Mumps	Five days from onset of swollen glands.
Impetigo	Until lesions are crusted or healed, or 48 hrs after commencing antibiotic treatment
'Flu' (influenza)	Until recovered.
Croup	Until fever/cough subsides
Covid 19	Isolate for minimum 10 days

- If a child becomes ill during the nursery day, we contact their parent(s) and ask them to pick up their child as soon as possible.
- It is our policy to 'record' two loose nappies and to call you and inform you when a child has a third loose nappy and request that you collect your child.

- An eye or ear discharge -An eye infection must be clear of discharge before they can return to Nursery. However, if your GP informs you that it is not infectious, we will be happy for your child to be at nursery as long as they are not suffering from any discomfort, pain or requiring additional care.
- If your child has broken/fractured bones or in sling/plaster we request the child remains at home until fully recovered.
- If your child requires medication to be given whilst at nursery, you will be asked to fill in a medicine authorisation form.
- If a child develops a temperature of 37.9 or above we will contact you to collect your child.

What we will do if children / staff or parents develop COVID-19 symptoms

Staff or children with a high temperature of 37.8° or more, a new continuous cough or loss of smell or taste should get a test immediately. If test is positive, self-isolate for 10 days. If negative return to setting when feeling well. Staff must follow normal reporting procedures. Parents must contact 02890 740454 prior to their agreed start time. Staff or children with household members who are known to have COVID-19 should also stay away from the setting for 14 days and notify us.

If a child or a member of staff develops symptoms of COVID-19 while in the setting they should immediately be taken to a designated isolation room, where a designated staff member will supervise the child at a safe distance until parent/carer is able to collect.

If the child becomes acutely unwell - staff will follow normal procedure and call an ambulance and inform the parent / carer.

Parents of other children who have been in contact with that child will be informed and advised to follow the guidance for households as per www.gov.uk. Staff who have been in contact with that child - management must risk assess any staff exposure from child with suspected Covid-19 to determine need for isolation.