



## **SICK CHILD POLICY**

### **INTRODUCTION**

Experience has taught us that when children are ill they are best off if they are cared for at home. Therefore we do not provide care for children who are ill. If children have any form of contagious illness we can not permit them to attend the nursery and if the child has had diarrhoea or sickness within the last 48 hours they will not be permitted to attend. In the case of illness, parents are asked to seek medical advice and once the child is well and fully recovered we will welcome them back to the nursery.

### **PROCEDURE**

- Always refer to the “Suffolk Health Authority’s Guide to Communicable Diseases” when giving advice to parents about specific illnesses or diseases. The appropriate information is displayed in poster format in the nursery. This gives information on the suggested period of absence for a number of conditions.
- In the event of a child who has conjunctivitis they may attend the setting as long as they are being treated.
- In the event of a child who has had chicken pox, a child may attend 48 hours after the last spot has dried out and crusted over. Parents are to make sure there are not any recurring infectious spots.
- The person in charge will make the final decision to refuse the child attendance to the setting when making a judgment on the child’s health and whether they are infectious.
- In the event of a child becoming ill whilst during a session the child’s key person will telephone the parent or carer and ask them to collect the child as soon as possible.
- In an emergency we may give your child calpol to bring their temperature down after we have consulted with you via telephone and we have your permission. However it is not our normal practise to prescribe medication to children unless doctor prescribed.
- The child’s key person or another designated member of staff will support the child until the parent/carer arrives.
- Parents will be made aware if their child has come into contact with an apparent infectious illness.
- Parents are informed verbally and via notices within the setting of occurrences of infection.
- Emergency contact numbers and children’s medical records are regularly updated.

Contact details for further advice:

Suffolk Health Protection Unit Tel 01473 329583

NHS Advice Tel: 111

Call NHS Advice on 111 for nurse advice and health information. The helpline is open 24 hours.

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