



## Illness & Exclusion Policy

Pennies Nurseries priority is the child's wellbeing. To protect this it may be necessary to exclude a child suffering from certain childhood illnesses.

- If a child becomes unwell during the day the parent will be informed as soon as possible.
- Children suffering from recognised childhood diseases should not return before the recommended isolation period has been observed (see 'childhood illnesses').
- The Nursery will notify parents if a child has recurrent vomiting or has more than two bouts of diarrhoea within a four-hour period.
- Children suffering from diarrhoea and vomiting are required to remain at home for 48 hours after the last bout of either condition

Staff must remain at home for 48 hours following a bout of D and V * staff working guide
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- In these circumstances, a child that has returned to the Nursery who still displays symptoms of diarrhoea and vomiting, parents will be contacted to take their child home again and the above will apply.
- A child with a high temperature should remain at home and should only return when the temperature has remained normal without the assistance of temperature reducing medication.
- Parents will be notified immediately if a child develops a high temperature whilst at the Nursery. Every attempt will be made to reduce the child's temperature by an appropriate method of cooling them down.
- Any child displaying the symptoms of 'sticky eye' will need to remain at home until seen by a doctor and appropriate diagnosis has been made.
- Parents will be notified if their child develops a rash whilst attending the Nursery.
- Children known to have a rash, or to be suffering from a non-specific virus will not be allowed to attend the Nursery without first having received medical advice.
- Children who have been prescribed antibiotics for specific conditions may attend Nursery only on the advice of their GP.
- If a child needs hospital treatment parents will be notified, in all cases, without delay (hospitals usually refuse to treat a child without a parent or legal guardian being present, except in the cases of extreme emergency). If necessary, a member of staff will collect the child's personal details and accompany the child to the hospital and will wait with the child until the parent arrives.
- Parents will be informed if specific childhood illnesses are prevalent at the Nursery.
- Parents are requested to inform the Nursery if children are recovering from an illness or accident whilst attending the Nursery. Parents are also requested to inform the Nursery on arrival of any injuries and / or distinguishable marks such as scratches or bruises received outside of the Nursery.
- The Nursery Manager will follow the procedures for exclusion and reporting on 'notifiable diseases' in accordance with HSE directive. i.e RIDDOR and EHO

For full procedures please refer to the Operations Manual.