

# Sickness Policy



The well being of all children is important.

I am unable to provide care for a child who is unwell.

If a child becomes unwell whilst in my care I will:

- Contact the parent immediately
- Ensure that the child is kept safe and comfortable whilst waiting to be collected.

Parents/Carers need to make arrangements for emergency care to be available should their child become unwell during the day and leave adequate contact numbers. When your child has an infectious disease or another illness, advice should be sought from either your GP or Health Visitor.

- If a child has sickness and/or diarrhoea they will not be able to return for 48 hours from the last time they were sick/had diarrhoea.
- Children with head lice are not excluded, but must be treated at the earliest opportunity to remedy the condition.
- Parents will be notified if there is an infectious disease, such as chicken pox.
- OFSTED is notified of any infectious diseases.
- Children prescribed antibiotics to treat an infection should remain at home for at least 24 hours from starting the medication before returning.

As a childminder I am able to administer prescribed medicines, teething gels and skin creams, however, the following conditions do apply.

*The medication must be clearly labelled with the child's name on it and not be passed its expiry date.*

*Parents sign medication consenting forms enabling me to administer the medication.*