

Stalbridge Pre-School Illness Policy & Procedures

Stalbridge pre-school aims to provide an environment that will protect the health of children and staff, this will mean that at times of communicable illness it will be inappropriate for children or staff to attend, we expect that all parents/carers and staff have regard for this policy.

We understand that all children have coughs and colds but if your child is clearly unwell with the symptoms these illnesses cause or if you have felt it necessary to give them medication they should not attend pre-school until they feel better, children need to be well enough to cope with the daily routine and activities of pre-school as we are unable to provide a one-to-one ratio for children who are unwell, if a child arrives at pre-school clearly un-well you will be asked to take them home.

Only medication prescribed by a doctor will be administered by the pre-school (see Health & Hygiene policy for further details) Children who have been prescribed anti-biotic medication must have taken the medication for 24 hrs before coming to pre-school.

‘The provider must promote the good health of the children attending the setting, take necessary steps to prevent the spread of infection, and take appropriate action if children are ill’ – (EYFS Framework)

Becoming ill whilst at pre-school: If a child becomes ill during the session you will be contacted to collect them, it is unfair on the child, other children and members of staff to keep them in the setting when unwell, in the event that we cannot contact you we will attempt to contact another adult listed on your child’s registration form, staff will make children as comfortable as possible whilst waiting for you to collect them, it is the parents responsibility to ensure that the pre-school hold current up to date contact information, If the illness is thought to be serious staff will call the emergency services, if you are unable to reach the pre-school a senior member of staff will go with your child to the hospital.

Infectious illnesses: Children should remain away from pre-school if they have any of the following infectious illnesses:

Chicken Pox	6 days from onset of rash, all spots must be dried up before returning
Measles	7 days from appearance of rash
German Measles	Until recovered from symptoms
Mumps	Minimum of 7 days (until swelling has gone down)
Conjunctivitis	Until treatment sought (min 24hrs from start of treatment)
Diarrhoea/sickness	48 hours from last symptoms
Head lice	Until treatment has been received, the guidelines for treatment provided by pre-school should be followed
Scarlet Fever	Until recovered from symptoms
Impetigo	Until skin has healed
Hand, Foot & Mouth	Until recovered from symptoms
Whooping Cough	7 days from start of treatment

For any other infectious illnesses or if you are unsure about any symptoms please contact the pre-school prior to arrival. We also ask that you notify the pre-school if your child has any confirmed type of communicable illness or virus.

Policy adopted at a committee meeting on:

Signed:

Role: