



## STARFISH NURSERY

### SICK CHILDREN POLICY

Infections are common in childhood, especially in the under 5's. There is an increased risk of cross infection in nursery and outbreaks of infectious illness can occur in care settings.

#### Action in the event of illness:

1. Parent/carers need to be advised to keep their child away from Nursery if they suspect the child is unwell.
2. Parent/carers will be advised that a child with diarrhoea and/or vomiting should not attend Starfish Nursery until 48 hours after the symptoms have stopped.
3. If a child becomes unwell or if their temperature rises above 37 degrees, staff will telephone a parent/carer and ask them to collect their child.  
The child cannot attend Nursery until the temperature has been normal for 24 hours.
4. Parents/carers will be advised to see their GP if symptoms persist.
5. In the event of an antibiotic being prescribed the child may not be well enough to attend Nursery for the first 72 hours, after which they may return to Nursery after consultation between parent/carer and Nursery manager.
6. Medication will only be given at Nursery which has been prescribed by a doctor, dentist or nurse with its original label when it would be detrimental to the child not to receive it during the session, and only with parental consent as set out in the medications policy.
7. Conjunctivitis is very infectious and a child with conjunctivitis may not attend Starfish Nursery until completely recovered from the infection.
8. Exclusion procedure for Chickenpox is 10 days from appearance of the rash.
9. Parents/carers are asked to inform the Nursery if their child cannot attend due to illness, stating the nature of the illness to prevent the spread of infection. The Nursery telephone number is 01202 778181 during session time. Ofsted will be notified of any serious accident, illness or injury to any child whilst in our care.

We realise children's illnesses pose particular problems for working parents/carers, but when deciding if your child is well enough for Nursery, please consider the welfare of other children, parents/carers and Nursery staff. Thank you.

This policy was adopted for Starfish Nursery.

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