



GUIDANCE ON ILLNESS AND INFECTION CONTROL IN PRE-SCHOOL

Illness – Children who are unwell with an infectious disease should not be at the Nursery as they pose a risk of infection to others. They should not return to Nursery until the risk has passed.

Staff have the right to refuse to allow a child entry to the Nursery should he/she appear unwell when brought in for their session.

Illness	Period to be kept away from Nursery	Comments
Chicken Pox	It is recommended that a child should not return until all vesicles have crusted over.	
German Measles	4 days from onset of rash	The child is most infectious before the diagnosis is made. Preventable by immunization.
Molluscum Contagiosum	None	Self-limiting.
Measles	4 days from onset of rash	Preventable by immunization.
Scabies	Until treated	Children can return after first treatment. House hold requires treatment.
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after commencing antibiotics	
Diarrhea and /or Vomiting	Until diarrhea and vomiting has settled for at least 48 hours	
Whooping Cough	48 hours from commencing antibiotic treatment	Coughing may still continue for many weeks.
Mumps	5 days from onset of swollen glands	The child is most infectious before the diagnosis is made and most children should be immune due to immunization.
Hepatitis A	Exclude for 7 days	Good hygiene minimizes danger of spread.
Slap Cheek	No exclusion necessary	Infectious before illness is apparent.
Conjunctivitis	None	If an outbreak occurs consult your doctor.
Head Lice / Threadworms	No exclusion necessary if treated	Treatment may be needed for all the family. Please inform Nursery staff if found.
Cold Sores	No exclusion necessary	Avoid kissing and contact.

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