

Exclusion procedure for illness/infectious diseases

Valuing Compassion, Community, Endurance, Friendship, Hope, Respect, Thankfulness, Wisdom

The Nursery's aim is to provide the best possible care for all of the children. Therefore, we cannot accept sick children at Nursery. In order to avoid embarrassment to parents and staff, please do not try to leave a child in the Nursery if you suspect that they are unwell. When a child becomes ill at the Nursery every effort will be made to contact the parent/carer, who will be requested to collect their child as soon as possible.

The most frequently asked question by a parent/ carer is: "My child has got a runny nose, but they are well. Can they come to Nursery?"

What is a well child?

A well child:

- is not reliant on Calpol
- does not have a high temperature
- is well enough to take part in all Nursery activities and experiences
- has a normal appetite (for them) and is happy and sociable
- does not require a greater staff ratio and has normal bowel functions

It is not fair on your child, other children or the staff if you send them to Nursery knowing that they are not well.

Please use the guidelines on the following page before bringing your child to Nursery.

Please notify the Nursery if you are aware that your child has a contagious illness, head lice or if a doctor/pharmacist has confirmed the cause of the illness.

The Nursery has an obligation to inform the Environmental Health Department of any child believed to be suffering from a notifiable disease.

Keeping parents/carers informed of illnesses

A list of infectious diseases will be displayed on the notice board.

If more than one child is absent from the Nursery at the same time with the same illness, the Nursery will inform parents/carers by displaying the details on the noticeboard.

Disease/Illness	Exclusion Period
Antibiotics	First two days at home
Temperature	If sent home ill, child must be off for 24 hours
Vomiting/ diarrhoea	48 hours from last episode of diarrhoea or vomiting
Chicken pox	Five days from appearance of rash, all spots must be completely scabbed over
Gastro-enteritis, food poisoning	Until authorized by District Community Physician
Infective hepatitis	Seven days from onset of jaundice
Measles	Four days from appearance of rash, child must be healthy in themselves
Mumps	Five days from onset of swollen glands
Whooping Cough	48 hours from commencing antibiotic treatment, 21 days from the onset of paroxysmal cough
Poliomyelitis	Until declared free from infection by the District Community Physician
Rubella (German Measles)	Five days from appearance of rash
Scarlet Fever and Streptococcal	24 hours after commencing antibiotics
Tuberculosis	Until declared free from infection by the District Community Physician
Impetigo	Until lesions are crusted or healed
Pediculosis (lice)	Until appropriate treatment has been given
Planter warts	No exclusion. Should be treated and covered
Ringworm of scalp	Until cured
Ringworm of body	Seldom necessary to exclude provided that treatment is being given
Scabies	Children can return after first treatment
Unknown rashes	Medical advice should be sought
Hand, foot and mouth	Exclusion may be necessary in some circumstances