

Injury, Illness and Exclusion

As an inclusive provider we do not wish to exclude any children due to injuries or illness but on some occasions this is unavoidable when considering the best interests of the child and other children, staff and parents accessing our nursery.

Injury and Wounds

Children who have suffered an injury or wound will be reviewed on an individual basis to identify if accessing the normal nursery provision and timetable is appropriate. We request that nursery is notified as soon as possible of the injury to ensure a prompt decision on their suitability to attend the provision to avoid undue distress to all parties.

The nursery will require specific information to complete a risk assessment and identify any potential hazards for the child. The information required will include:

The full nature of the injury and treatment received to date

Advice given by the medical professionals to date

Additional care and treatment required relating specifically to the injury

How is the injury protected and dressed

The child's mobility and self help skills

Potential complications

The hazards nursery will need to consider will include:

Other children bumping, touching, banging or knocking the injury

Hazards within the environment including sand, water, malleable material, paints, running and climbing

The level of care and supervision required to ensure the child's well being

Is the child in discomfort or distress

The risk assessment will be discussed with parents/carers and an agreed plan put in place which may include:

A few days at home recovering and review again

A reduced timetable

Parents accessing provision for short sessions with the child to ensure they can still have contact with peers and adults during their recovery..

Injury on Arrival at Nursery (also refer to Injury on Arrival Policy)

All instances of injury incurred outside of the nursery provision must have an Injury on Arrival completed, it is the parent/ carers responsibility to ensure nursery staff are informed on arrival of any bumps, cuts or bruising that the child has received since last attending.

Any accidents and injuries that occur whilst in the care of nursery are recorded in our accident log copies of this can be shared with parents/carers on request. Please refer to the Nursery First Aid and Accident Policy for more details

Illness Exclusion Periods

It is important that all parents/carers understand and follow the exclusion periods for illness to ensure the safety and well being of all children and adults accessing our provision and environment.

If parents/carers are unsure if their child should be attending nursery please call us to clarify in the first instance to avoid children being distressed at being sent home upon their arrival.

Disease/Illness

Minimum Exclusion Period

Antibiotics prescribed

First full day at home

Temperature

If sent home ill, child must be off for 24 hours

Vomiting

If sent home ill, child should be off for 48hours after vomiting has stopped

Conjunctivitis

None

Diarrhoea

48 hours after last occurrence

Chickenpox

7 days from appearance of rash

Gastro-enteritis, food poisoning, salmonella and dysentery

48 hours or for notifiable diseases, until advised by the relevant public health official

Infective hepatitis

7 days from onset of jaundice

Measles

7 days from appearance of rash

Meningococcal infection

Until recovered from illness

Mumps

Until the swelling has subsided and in no case less than 7 days from onset of illness

Pertussis (whooping cough)

21 days from the onset of paroxysmal cough

Poliomyelitis

Until declared free from infection by the appropriate public health official

Scarlet fever and streptococcal infection of the throat

Until appropriate medical treatment has been given and in no case for less than 3 days from the start of treatment

Tuberculosis

Until declared free from infection by the appropriate public health official

Typhoid fever

Until declared free from infection by the appropriate public health official

Impetigo

Until the skin is healed

Pediculosis (lice)

Until appropriate treatment has been given

Plantar warts

No exclusion. Should be treated and covered

Ringworm of scalp

Until cured

Ringworm of body

Seldom necessary to exclude provided treatment is being given

Scabies

Need not be excluded once appropriate medical treatment has been given

The complaints procedure

If there is a concern regarding the implementation of this policy in the first instance please follow the complaints policy.

Monitoring and Evaluating the policy

This policy will be reviewed annually or sooner if legislative changes or circumstances deem it necessary.