

Sick Child Policy

The measures shown below are designed to protect your child, also staff and other children who may become affected.

- If your child is not able to attend Pre-School please notify us by 8.30am via text message to our Pre-School number inline with our absence policy.
- If a child is too sick to take part in any activities, e.g., outside play, they are too sick to be at Pre-School. If your child has a common cold (sneezing, runny nose) you can bring them to Pre-School. However, if the child reaches a point where they require constant attention, will not play, cries all the time, or wants to be held constantly, then the parent/carer will be contacted.
- Prescribed medicine will only be dispensed in line with our Medication Policy
- If a child becomes sick while at Pre-School, the parent/carer will be notified as quickly as possible, and the child will be made comfortable until a parent/carer arrives.
- Exclusion periods for common childhood contagious illnesses can be seen below as per Public Health England's guidance and our Pre-Schools Policy can be seen below. Please notify Pre-School if your child has any of the listed illnesses so we can ensure we are vigilant in Pre-School and can increase infection control measures as appropriate to reduce transmission to others.

Public Health England – Notes on Infection diseases in Schools and Nurseries guidance document 2022 ([PHE document \(england.nhs.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/101222/Notes_on_infection_diseases_in_schools_and_nurseries_guidance_document_2022.pdf))

Chicken Pox

Individuals should be kept away from school for at least five days from onset of rash AND until lesions have crusted over.

Conjunctivitis

Individuals should be kept away from school until discharge and redness of the eyes have passed.

Covid

Individuals should be kept away from Pre-School for five days after a positive covid test or if the individual has a fever for longer than this period 48 hours after the fever has subsided.

Hand Foot and Mouth

There is no requirement to exclude children with Hand, Foot and Mouth disease if they are well enough to attend.

Head Lice

Children can return after headlice treatment has been administered.

Impetigo

Affected individuals should be excluded until lesions are crusted over or 48 hours after antibiotic treatment has been started.

Nurture Early Years Policy

Sickness and Diarrhoea

Individuals should be kept away from Pre-School until the diarrhoea and vomiting has stopped and they have been passing normal stools and/or not vomiting for 48 hours.

Influenza

Individuals with symptoms should be excluded from school until they have recovered and for at least 24 hours after the resolution of any fever (usually 5-7 days)

Slapped Cheek

Exclusion for Slapped Cheek is not required as long as the child is well enough to attend.

Threadworms

Exclusion is not required for threadworms

Whooping Cough

Any child with whooping cough should be excluded until they have had 48 hours of appropriate antibiotic treatment and feel well enough to return or after 21 days from onset of illness if not antibiotic treatment has been taken.