

# Stepping Stones Childcare.

## Sick Children in the Nursery Policy

As stated in our Infection Control Policy it is important to prevent the spread of infection amongst children and staff.

As Childcare workers we have a responsibility to our children in our care to keep them well by minimising the risk to infection, therefore for this reason any child who has an infectious illness will be excluded from the nursery until the infectious period is over.

'The Provider must promote the good health of children attending the setting. They must have a procedure, discussed with parents and carers, for responding to children who are ill or infectious. Take necessary steps to prevent the spread of infection and take appropriate action if children are ill.' (EYFS paragraph 3.44)

Common infectious or contagious diseases are:-

- Measles
- Chicken pox
- Mumps
- German Measles (Rubella)
- Whooping cough
- Scarlet fever
- Conjunctivitis
- Diarrhoea and vomiting
- Hand and Mouth

If a child develops any of the above illnesses, the Manager will contact the parents immediately asking them to come to take their child home. Parents should be advised to see their Doctor and it will also be explained to them that their child will not be able to return to nursery until the infectious period is over.

At Stepping Stones, we require that a child who has [Conjunctivitis to remain at home until they have received the second dose of eyedrops](#). We insist on this as we have seen how rampant the infection is and it is our duty to protect the other children in the nursery.

### **Children who become unwell while attending nursery.**

If a child becomes unwell the key worker must inform the Manager immediately who will assess the situation.

The child should be taken to a quiet area and made comfortable and be re-assured frequently as they will be upset and not feeling themselves.

The key worker/manager should next deal with the symptoms, ie if child has a high temperature, remove some clothing and give water to drink.

The Manager will inform the parents straight away, so they will be able to come and collect their child. Also, the Manager will be able to obtain verbal permission for the giving

of Calpol, if the child has a high temperature. The parent will then sign the medicine sheet on their arrival at nursery.

'Medicine (both prescription and non-prescription) must only be administered to a child where written permission for that particular medicine has been obtained from the child's parent and/or carer. Providers must keep a written record each time a medicine is administered to the child and inform the child's parents/carers on the same day or as soon as reasonable practicable.' (3.47 EYFS September 2021)

Until the parents arrive it is important to continue to:-

- re-assure the child
- monitor their condition frequently
- make sure they are comfortable
- give them a quiet activity for wanted.

### **Please take note**

1. A child who develops a high temperature at home must not be brought into the nursery.
2. A child who is sent home because they have a high temperature must remain away from the nursery for 24 hours. (one day following the raised temperature)
3. A child who is sent home because they are unwell and are then prescribed an antibiotic by their GP must stay home for the first 48 hours in case, they have a reaction to the antibiotic.
4. A child who is sent home suffering from diarrhoea and vomiting must stay at home for 48 hours (2 days) after the vomiting and diarrhoea has ceased.
5. If your child has had a Flu vaccination, he/she must remain at home as we have a vulnerable staff member. Alternatively have the vaccine one of days the member of staff is not in nursery ie Thursday or Friday.
6. A child having a vaccine for the first time e.g. MMR must stay home on the day of vaccination in case of a reaction to the vaccine.

**These are the guidelines from Public Health England.**

<b>Policy revised on</b>	<b>Signed by for the nursery</b>	<b>Renewal date</b>
21/01/2017	<i>Susan Perkins</i>	18/08/2018
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