

## **Responding to children who are ill or infectious.**



In order to comply with the stipulation in the Early Years Statutory Framework it is necessary for us to remind you of our procedure when responding to children who are ill or infectious and also of the information which should be relayed to pre-school.

### **Sickness**

It is the Pre-school Policy that you do not send your child to pre-school if he/she is obviously ill.

- A child with a bad cold should stay at home until you feel they are well enough to come back.
- A child suffering from sickness and/or diarrhoea should not come to pre-school until he/she has been clear for a full 48 hours.
- A child with conjunctivitis should not come to pre-school until 24 hours after prescribed treatment has begun.
- A child with chicken pox should not come to pre-school until five days after the onset of the rash/last crop of spots.
- A child known to have head lice should not come to pre-school until treated or clear by combing. Please check heads regularly.
- We will ask you to collect your child if he/she has loose bowel movements or seems to be falling sick for any reason.

#### **If your child becomes ill during a pre-school session we will:**

- Attempt, as soon as possible, to contact you on the telephone number you have given us.
- In the event that you are unavailable on this number we will contact the person given as your emergency contact. Please ensure that this is an up to date contact.
- Your child will be made as comfortable as possible, away from the other children, they will not be left on their own, until they can be collected.
- If pre-school have been unable to contact anyone to collect the child the child will be kept as comfortable as possible away from the other children until such time as they are collected
- Where blankets, rest mat, vomit bucket or toys have been provided for the child these should be removed from the room and washed/disinfected as soon as is practical once the child has been collected.

#### **Why should Parents/Carers advise pre-school of absences**

There are a number of specified infectious diseases which under the Public Health (infectious Diseases) 1988 Act and the Public Health (Control of Disease) 1984 Act which require notification and which your GP will be aware of, however we also have a duty to notify should we have or suspect one of these illness, this is why we ask if you could please advise us if your child is not attending pre-school because of illness. Thank you.