

## **Illness and Exclusion Policy**

Sunny Socks Nursery School aims to promote a healthy environment for the children in our care and we need both staff and parents to support this.

### **Procedures:**

If parents/carers notice their child becoming ill or infectious they must inform the setting.

In cases of sickness and diarrhoea or other easily transmitted infections children cannot return to the setting for a minimum of 48 hours after their last symptoms.

If a child becomes ill or infectious at the setting, every effort will be made to contact the parents/carers. It is essential therefore that the setting has up to date information in order to be able to contact the parents/carers during settings hours. If the parent/carer cannot be contacted, setting staff will endeavour to contact the other named contacts on the child's record. If the setting is unable to contact a parent/carer or other named contact, Sunny Socks Nursery School reserves the right to take the child to a general practitioner or hospital in an emergency.

It is the advice of this setting that children are taken to a G.P. for a proper diagnosis for more serious complaints such as Chicken pox, Measles, Hand Foot and Mouth, Impetigo and Conjunctivitis etc.

If a child at nursery is found to have head lice you will be asked to take your child home and treat the condition. All other parents will be notified.

If a child contracts an infectious disease, all other parents will be informed. We will act on any advice given by the Health Protection Agency and inform Ofsted of any action taken. The Health Protection Agency's list of notifiable diseases can be found at [www.hpa.org.uk](http://www.hpa.org.uk). Further guidance on infection control in schools and childcare settings can also be found at [www.hpa.org.uk](http://www.hpa.org.uk)

Parents are asked to pay for any absences due to illness to ensure that the child's place is kept available to them.