

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:

We follow the Infection Prevention and Control in Childcare settings guidance published by the NHS with regard to exclusion criteria for children in our setting.

If parents/carers notice their child becoming ill or infectious they must inform the setting. Any child who is unwell should not attend. We define unwell as a child that displays one or more of the following symptoms: not acting as their usual self, has a rising temperature, requires one to one attention or shows more obvious symptoms.

In cases of sickness and/or diarrhoea children cannot return to the setting for a minimum of 48 hours after their last episode. Children with unexplained rashes should be considered infectious until assessed by a doctor. Children with possible coldsores must be confirmed by a doctor and kept away from nursery until it has fully scabbed over.

If a child becomes unwell 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.

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.

Parents must inform the nursery of any absence.

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