

## SICKNESS POLICY

The nursery is intended for healthy children. It is expected that parents will keep children who are unwell at home. We will not accept into the nursery any child who is unwell, i.e. high temperature, has an infectious illness, a rash (other than nappy rash), has conjunctivitis or is suffering from sickness and/or diarrhoea.

### **High Temperature**

A child with a high temperature should not attend the nursery until it has gone down naturally, without the assistance of any type of medication having been given. If a child develops a high temperature whilst at nursery the parents/carer will be telephoned and asked to take their child home. If a child's temperature were 38c/ 100.2 then staff would call the parent to seek permission to give the child calpol. Parent will also be requested to collect the child from the nursery.

If a child is sent home with a high temperature a trip to the GP may be advised before returning to nursery. If a child is sent home with a high temperature, they will be required to stay home for 24 hours to monitor their condition and affirm that they do not have high temperature during that time and they did not require any medication to bring the temperature down.

**The nursery will administer Calpol/Paracetamol to a child only if he / she has temperature above 38c provided parents/carers have given a prior written authorisation.** Nursery will provide for Calpol. Nursery will also provide for Piriton in an event of an allergic reaction.

**A child will not be allowed to attend nursery if he / she have had calpol less than 8 hours prior to attending the nursery.**

### **Rash or Virus**

A child who has a rash or who has been diagnosed by their GP to have a non-specific virus may not attend the nursery without a clearance note. If a child develops a rash during the day, the parents/carer will be contacted and asked to take their child to the GP.

### **Conjunctivitis**

This is a highly infectious condition, and a child suffering from conjunctivitis should not attend the nursery until the condition has been adequately treated with antibiotic drops or ointment prescribed by their GP. The child should remain at home for after starting treatment and may only return to nursery when the eye is completely clear of discharge or redness.

## **Prescribed Medicines.**

Nursery staff are **not** permitted to administer unprescribed medicines or creams.

Nursery staff are permitted to administer medicines prescribed by a doctor. Medicines must be in their original container with the name of the patient, the name of the medication, the frequency and dosage on the label. Medicines will only be given if a parent signs the "Medicine form", giving his/her consent to the administration of such medicines. Note that staff are not able to prescribe themselves and cannot administer any medication without the written consent of a parent. Any prescribed medicine must commence on the day of prescription.

A member of management will witness and countersign a member of staff administering medicine.

## **Antibiotics**

Prescribed antibiotic can be administered in accordance with the above paragraph, but the child will not be allowed into the nursery until the child receives a minimum of two doses after starting the course of a new antibiotics, and if the child is free from a high temperature and any adverse side effects from the medicine (e.g. vomiting or diarrhoea) and is well enough to cope with the nursery day.

## **Other Conditions**

Principles of management of the major infectious disorders, e.g. Measles, Chicken pox and German measles are laid down in the Health/Illness policy. Return to the nursery after such an illness will usually be allowed when the child's temperature has settled and any rash has disappeared.