

Infectious Childhood Illness Policy and Procedure

To protect the children, staff and our wider families we have created a policy to protect everyone, the children at preschool are very young and play closely together and are in close contact with the staff. We promote good hygiene as part of the early year's curriculum; however, our children are very young and viruses and bugs spread rapidly. We are asking you as parents and carers to support this policy. The preschool team will continue to teach the children through activities the importance of good hygiene. The team will also continue to keep the environment your child plays in clean.

Below are a list of common childhood illnesses and the exclusion periods that we would request that you adhere to, to prevent these nasty infectious conditions spreading around preschool to your families and our staff. This is our duty of care to protect us all.

24 hours exclusion after treatment:

Headlice

48 hours exclusion after treatment if necessary:

Sickness and Diarrhoea (After last bout)

Worms

Conjunctivitis

Slapped cheek

Impetigo

Cough and cold

Cold Sores

Scarlet fever

High temperature and generally unwell

Croup

Hand, Foot and Mouth

Tonsillitis

Scabies

Prescribed a course of general antibiotics (after 48 hours preschool will administer for you if still required)

1 week exclusion

2 Weeks exclusion

Measles

Whooping Cough

Mumps

Rubella

Chicken Pox

All medicines need to be prescribed by the doctor if you wish preschool to administer them, they must be in the original box with the prescription on it. You will be asked to complete a medication form for this, before it can be administered. If your child has Calpol prior to arriving at preschool because you think they are unwell, please do not bring them in, as this may be masking a more serious condition. Preschool have the right to contact you to collect your child if we believe that they are unwell.

All medicines prescribed for your child which you require preschool to administer must be in the original box with the prescription on it. You will be asked to complete a

medical form for this, before this can be administered. If your child needs to have Calpol prior to arriving at preschool because you think they are unwell, please do not bring them in, this may be masking a more serious condition. Preschool have the right to refuse a visibly unwell or injured child, and will contact you if we believe they are unwell.

I have read the above information and agree to support preschool with this policy

Parent sign

Child's name

Date

This policy was adopted by Yapton Community Preschool on 23rd October 2024

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