



Sickness and Exclusion Policy

Statement of intent

Toddington Childcare believes that all children have a right to be well cared for and healthy. Prior to starting with Toddington Childcare parents are requested to inform us of any medical history, allergies, vaccinations and medical conditions to enable staff to make informed decisions regarding every individual child.

Parents are advised to read through the HPA (Health Protection Agency) now known as Public Health England 'Guidance for infection control in schools and other childcare settings' www.hpa.org.uk which is also available to view on our notice board. It is of paramount importance that parents/carers understand the need to prevent the spread of infection by keeping poorly children at home and informing us by telephone, text or email if their child will not be attending that day due to illness.

All children attending pre-school who have been prescribed antibiotics are requested to remain at home for at least 24 hours. Eye and ear infections increase to 48 hours to prevent the spread of infection. Providing the child is well after this time, they are welcome to return. Our staff are qualified to administer prescribed medication, but if your child still appears to be unwell parents will be contacted to come and collect their child.

If parents wish our pre-school staff to administer medication to their child, they must fill out our parental agreement to administer medicine form. Medication must be clearly labelled with the name of the child, name of medication, date prescribed and dosage in its original container. Only medication prescribed by a doctor can be administered. This means Calpol cannot be administered unless prescribed by a doctor.

If your child becomes unwell whilst at Toddington Childcare, you will be contacted and required to come and collect them. Such procedures are necessary to ensure the well-being of every child at Toddington Childcare and prevent the unnecessary spread of illness/infection.

The following table outlines Toddington Childcare's Sickness and Exclusion Policy. This is not an exhaustive list and if your child appears really unwell, for whatever reason, you will be contacted to collect them.

Illness	48 hours	72 hours	Symptom free	Completely Recovered	Comments / Notes
Temperature					Managers discretion
Common Cold					Managers discretion
Sickness			√		Clear for 48 hours School age 48 hours
Diarrhoea			√		Clear for 48 hours School age 48 hours
Head lice			√		

Ear infections	√				
Chest infections			√		
Measles			√		
Rubella			√		
Scarlett Fever			√		
Whooping Cough			√		
Ring worm			√		

Illness	48 hours	72 hours	Symptom free	Completely Recovered	Comments / Notes
Foot and mouth				√	
Thrush	√				48 hrs after medication
Impetigo				√	
Chicken Pox				√	Usually 7 – 10 days
Meningitis				√	
Scabies				√	
Tonsillitis	√				
Slapped Cheek					Managers discretion
Cold sores/ herpes simplex					Managers discretion

Procedure in the event of child sickness:

1. Contact the parent/carer by telephone as soon as the child becomes unwell.
2. Ask the parent/carer to collect their child as soon as possible as they might be infectious.
3. If the parent/carer cannot be contacted the emergency named person will be telephoned (see registration document).
4. If the child should develop a more serious complaint or has had an accident, the child's written permission consent (see registration form) will be used to contact your the emergency services directly.
5. In the event of a child contacting a notifiable disease (meningitis, German measles) it is our responsibility to inform a consultant from HPA Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Health Protection Unit (Tel: 0300 303 8537).

This policy was accepted at a Committee Meeting of Toddington Childcare held in May 2019.

Signed on behalf of Toddington Childcare

Chris Russell
Chair to the committee of Toddington childcare