

## Sick Child Policy

The nursery does not aim to exclude children from the nursery unnecessarily.

The decision of the nursery manager/ owner is final when requesting the exclusion of a child for illness or infection. Decisions will take into account the needs of the child and of the group.

In the event that a child does not attend nursery due to illness, full payment will still be required.

Children with infectious or contagious diseases will be excluded for the periods laid down in nursery regulations, as displayed in the manager's office. Should staff suspect that a child has an infectious or contagious disease, they will request that parent/ carers consult a doctor before returning the child to the nursery.

Sick children cannot be admitted to the nursery. If a child becomes ill at nursery, staff will inform parent/ carers or an emergency contact. While awaiting the arrival of parent/ carers, the staff will ensure the comfort of the child, taking appropriate action which would include seeking medical advice if necessary. If the child is in danger, the staff will seek medical advice immediately.

Staff will report any worries about a child's health to the parent/ carers immediately and will put on note in the child's personal details. Parent/ carers are responsible for keeping the nursery informed about the child's health.

Please note - the nursery will adhere to the 'Health protection Agency, Guidance on Infection control in child care settings'.

Information will be available on the parent notice board.

**This policy was implemented by Springboard Management Team: please note all policies and procedures will be reviewed on a yearly basis, unless there is a need to implement changes prior. Please note any updates and changes will be forwarded by email.**

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