



Rydal Day Nursery Sickness Policy
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This policy is always available in the parent's folder in the main hall, so that they are aware of our policy on the exclusion of ill or infectious children. We do not provide care for children who are unwell, have a temperature, or sickness and diarrhoea, or who have an infectious disease. This is in line with the Health Protection Agency's Guidance on infection control in schools and other childcare settings.

The Nursery adopts a 48-hour rule for sickness and diarrhoea. This means that babies, children and staff cannot return to Nursery until 48 hours after their last bout of sickness and/or diarrhoea.

Young children wearing nappies will be individually monitored. If a child is displaying obvious sickness and diarrhoea they will be sent home. However, loose nappies will be monitored and after 2 loose nappies, parents will be notified and asked to take the child home.

In the event of your child/children becoming ill whilst at the nursery, the staff will follow the outlined procedure below:

- [Key person/back-up Key person and person in charge to be informed.
- [Description of the symptoms/problem to be relayed to the staff listed above.
- [Key person to assess the child/ren and decide on appropriate action required.
- [Children with head lice are not excluded, but must be treated to remedy the condition.
- [Parents are notified if there is a case of head lice in the setting.
- [Parents are notified if there is an infectious disease, such as chicken pox.
- [HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus) may affect children or families attending the setting. Staff may or may not be informed about it.
- [Children or families are not excluded because of HIV.
- [Good hygiene practice concerning the clearing of any spilled bodily fluids is carried out at all times.
- [Staff suffering from sickness and diarrhoea do not handle food and are sent home immediately.

Our Local Health Protection Unit (Tel 01179002620 or email: avonHPU@hpa.org.uk) is notified of any infectious diseases that a qualified medical person considers notifiable. (Infectious Disease (Notification) Act 1889). Ofsted is also informed where this is the case.

At least one person who has a current 12 hour paediatric first aid certificate must be on the premises at all times when children are present. At least one member of staff on outings has a current paediatric first aid certificate. Staff only attend first aid training which is available through North Somerset's Childcare Learning and Play Team Training Directory and therefore consistent with guidance within the Practice Guidance for the Early Years Foundation Stage.

Child needs to be sent home immediately	Child does not need to be sent home immediately
<p>Contact parent/carer</p> <p>Make child suitably comfortable</p> <p>Encourage rest/fluids, whatever is required/appropriate to their illness symptoms</p> <p>Move child to a more appropriate area of the building</p> <p>Dress/undress appropriately</p> <p>Comfort and reassure the child</p> <p>Update and inform the parent/carer on collection</p> <p>Advise Doctors appointment if this is felt necessary</p> <p>Request that the parent/carer ring us to advise us of diagnoses or keep us up to date.</p>	<p>Make child suitably comfortable</p> <p>Encourage rest/fluids, whatever is required/appropriate to their illness symptoms</p> <p>Encourage quiet play</p> <p>Inform all the staff of the situation and advise close monitoring if child moves away to play.</p> <p>Dress/undress appropriately</p> <p>Regularly assess the child</p> <p>Update and inform the parent/carer on collection</p> <p>Advise Doctors appointment if this is felt necessary</p> <p>Request that the parent/carer ring us to advise us of diagnoses or keep us up to date.</p>