

Illness Policy

A member of the management team will inform you straight away if your child appears to be in discomfort or suffering in some way. This may result in the exclusion of your child. Please inform us of any illnesses, infections or conditions affecting your child so that we can provide the best care in each case. **It is ESSENTIAL that sick or infectious children are not brought to nursery**, as this can be distressing for your child and cause a rapid spread of infection to other children. We ask that you refer to the following:

Persistent cough or temperature

Whilst ever the coronavirus remains a significant threat to us all, we recommend that you keep your child away from nursery if they present either or both of these symptoms if they appear unwell.

Vomiting

If your child is sick whilst at nursery, a member of the management team will contact you to collect him/her **if** they show signs of being unwell after the sickness or if there have been several reported cases of sickness. You should keep your child away from nursery for 24 hours if we have sent them home due to vomiting. If your child has been sick whilst at home, you should not bring them to nursery until 24 hours have passed after the last sickness.

Conjunctivitis

A member of the management team will contact you to collect your child if we suspect conjunctivitis and you should seek medical advice from your GP and keep him/her away from nursery until infection has cleared. Your child will not be allowed to stay at nursery if his/her eyes are discharging green fluid, regardless of whether it is conjunctivitis or cold.

Diarrhoea

If your child has more than 2 loose stools during their time at nursery, a member of the management team will ask you to come and collect him/her straight away **if** we believe that the cause is due to a virus **and/or** your child appears unwell or if there have been several reported cases of diarrhoea. In this instance we ask that you keep them at home until 24 hours after the last loose stool. If your child has diarrhoea as a result of anything else other than a virus, for example teething or medication, we **may** ask you to collect him/her if we feel that 1 to 1 care is needed. In this instance we ask that you keep them home until the diarrhoea has stopped.

Chickenpox / Shingles

Chickenpox is contagious and is usually passed through coughing or sneezing. If your child develops spots that appear to be chicken pox whilst at nursery, we will ask you to collect them as soon practical and ask that you keep him/her away from nursery until **all** the spots have scabbed.

Gastroenteritis, food poisoning, salmonella, dysentery

Your child must stay away from nursery until authorized by the doctor and there have been no loose stools or vomiting for 48 hours.

Measles

Exclusion period is 5 days from appearance of the rash.

Meningococcal infection (meningitis)

Your child must stay away until they have fully recovered from the illness.

Mumps

Mumps is a rarely seen but slow developing infection. Medical advice should be sought, and your child should stay away from nursery for 5 days from onset of swollen glands.

Impetigo

You should seek medical advice and keep your child away from nursery until lesions have crusted or healed.

Hand, foot and mouth

Medical advice should be sought for confirmation and the child should be kept away from nursery until all blisters have disappeared.

Slapped Cheek

Please seek medical advice and keep your child at home if he/she appears unwell.

Head Lice

You should treat your child's head, using the appropriate medication. Children will be excluded from nursery until treated. We ask that you inform us if your child has headlice so that we can alert other parents that a case has been reported so that they can check their own children.

Scabies

Medical advice should be sought and may return to nursery the day after medication has been given.

Scarlet Fever

Medical advice should be sought, and the child should not return until 2 days after antibiotics have started.

Croup

If your child develops symptoms (a cough that sounds like a bark) then you must seek advice from a doctor.

Whooping Cough

Medical advice should be sought, and your child should remain at home until antibiotic course is completed. (5 days)

Oral Thrush

Medical advice should be sought.

Tonsillitis

Please seek medical advice and keep your child at home until 48 hours after starting antibiotic treatment.

Rubella (German measles)

Please notify nursery so that we can alert pregnant mums and keep your child at home for 5 days from the start of the rash.

Threadworm

Seek medical advice. Your child can return to nursery when treatment has been given.

Common Cold

Your child need not be excluded unless feverish and or unhappy.

Glandular Fever

Keep at home until he/she feels well.

Open Cuts and wounds

Should be covered with a suitable dressing before arriving at nursery.

Ear Infection

Keep your child at home if fluid is running from the ear, unless covered by a bandage. Your child should return when he/she feels better.

Medication Brought into Nursery

Please note that we can administer prescribed and non-prescribed (over the counter) medicines. All prescribed medication must be specifically prescribed for the child and all medication must be signed for by the parent/carer prior to administering. We recommend that you bring in a temperature controlling medicine when your child starts with us so that we can administer it as soon as needed, if necessary.

Medication must be presented in its original container and be within the expiry date. Inhalers can only be given if they are presented with the original box. We will **not** exceed the manufactures recommended dosage unless the medication is accompanied by a doctor's letter. We will not switch between Calpol and ibuprofen between doses, as stated on the NHS website. Staff **will not** administer eye, ear, or nose drops, prescribed or non-prescribed, under any circumstances. All medication that has been prescribed by a doctor must be accompanied with the doctor's prescribed dosage. Please refer to our medication procedure.

Staff have the right to refuse to administer any medication that they do not feel comfortable giving.

Children taking antibiotics prescribed by a doctor should be kept at home for the first 24 hours of taking the medication. This gives the antibiotics time to work and allows you to monitor your child for any allergic reaction that may occur. For any illness not mentioned above, please speak to a member of staff regarding the incubation period and advice. Bizzy Bees reserves the right, to ask parents to keep their child away from nursery if the child presents symptoms that appear infectious and/or the child appears too ill for the nursery environment.

Each individual case will be assessed on its own merits by the manager on duty of which their decision will be final. This includes a child who presents an illness that may cause harm to a pregnant member of our staff team. Prior knowledge of the child will also be taken into account.