

# **Sickness**

## **Policy statement**

Policy statement We provide care for happy and healthy children through preventing cross infection of viruses and bacterial infections.

## **Procedures for children who are sick or infectious**

- If children appear unwell during the day – have a temperature, sickness, diarrhoea or pains, particularly in the head or stomach – Parents will be contacted to collect their child.
- The child's temperature is taken using a forehead thermometer strip, kept in the first aid box.
- If a Child has a temperature of 38°C parents will be asked to collect their child – if parents are unavailable then emergency contacts listed in the child's registration forms will be contacted.
- A child must not have had a temperature for 24 hours before returning to preschool.
- In extreme cases of emergency, the child should be taken to the nearest hospital and the parent informed.
- Parents are asked to take their child to the doctor before returning them to Happy Adventures Preschool.
- Admittance to children will be refused if they have a temperature, sickness and diarrhoea or a contagious infection or disease or if child appears too unwell to participate in activities as they normally would.
- Where a child has been sent home from preschool, they must not return for 24 hours after their symptoms have cleared.
- Where children have been prescribed antibiotics, parents are asked to keep them at home for 24 hours from the first dose before returning to Happy Adventures Preschool.
- Parents are asked to keep children with sickness and diarrhoea away from preschool until they are free of symptoms for 48 hours.
- Happy Adventures Preschool has a list of excludable diseases and current exclusion times which is given to parents after registering their children at the preschool.
- Parents must keep their child at home if they have recently had Calpol, until they are well enough to return to preschool – Calpol will not be administered at preschool, only medication prescribed by a doctor which is clearly labelled with the Child's name, DOB and prescription and expiry date.

## **Reporting of 'notifiable diseases'**

- If a child or adult is diagnosed as suffering from a notifiable disease under the Health Protection (Notification) Regulations 2010, the GP will report this to the Health Protection Agency.
- When Happy Adventures becomes aware, or is formally informed of the notifiable disease, the manager will inform Ofsted and act on any advice given by the Health Protection Agency.