

### **Busy Bees Sickness Policy**

*Our aim is to provide the best possible care for all our children at Busy Bees especially when they are contagious to others. It is the parents responsibility to ensure that their child does not attend nursery and put other children/staff at risk. Therefore if a parent continually sends a sick or unwell child to nursery we will be forced to review the child's place.*

*You are requested to report all absences due to sickness to the staff at the nursery before your child is due to attend.*

*Please use the following guidelines before bringing your child back to nursery:*

*Colds and flu: The child should have a normal temperature and feel fit and healthy.*

*Conjunctivitis: Creams must have been received from the doctor and treatment should have commenced. Eyes should not have any discharge from them.*

*Chicken pox: All spots must have completely scabbed over (usually five days incubation period) A letter will be displayed on each classes 'A Board' to inform parents of any cases of chicken pox within the nursery.*

*Impetigo: Medical advice must have been sought and sores must not be weeping.(usually a five day incubation period).*

*Hand, foot and mouth: All sores must have been treated by a doctor and sores should not be weeping.(usually a five day incubation period).*

*Head lice: Parents will be contacted via telephone and asked to collect their child so that treatment can commence as soon as possible. A notice will be displayed for parents on the classes 'A Board' to inform parents of any cases of head lice within the nursery.*

*Measles: Rash should have gone and child acting healthy.*

*Sickness/diarrhoea: At least 48 hours since last bout.*

*Temperature: The normal temperature for a child is 37c. If a child's temperature reaches 39c or above parents will be contacted for medical advise or collection.*

*Unknown rashes: Medical advise should be sought with a doctors note informing us that the condition isn't contagious if a child returns with the rash.*

*Broken limbs/stitches: According to medical advise and based on the individual child this will be discussed with parents. We will report any cases to OFSTED, if a child was required to stay*

*in hospital overnight.*

***Please note, an unwell child needs one to one attention that we can not provide at nursery***

*If your child needs to receive medication whilst in nursery care please see the policy regarding administration of medication. If a child is on antibiotics then they must be forty eight hours into the course before returning to the nursery or at the managers/deputy manager discretion.*

*You will be contacted by a member of staff to collect your child if they become unwell whilst they are in our care. The child will be cared for by a member of staff in a quiet area away from other children until parents/carers arrive to collect them.*

*If a child has a notifiable illness or serious injury the nursery will contact OFSTED and any local child protection agencies.*

*This policy was adopted by the managers and staff, and updated on 6<sup>th</sup> April 2018  
Signed on behalf of Busy Bees Nursery School*

***“Our setting is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, young people and adults at all times and expects everybody working within this setting to share this commitment”.***