

## **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.*

*Could we please ask that parents/carers keep s informed about their child's health and contact us via telephone or email to inform us if your child is unwell and unable to attend nursery. This allows us to communicate this to staff and parents, as well as Health Protection and Ofsted if it is a disease that requires notification. This is particularly important in case a child has to come into contact with a pregnant member of staff or parent.*

*If a child appears to be unwell as they are brought into nursery, they may be refused admission.*

*We do not provide day care for children who are unwell, have a temperature or have diarrhea, sickness or have an infectious disease. If your child is not well enough to participate in the daily activities they should not attend nursery. An unwell child requires 1:1 care, which we cannot provide at nursery.*

*If your child has not been themselves at home but is not showing signs of illness when brought into nursery, please make a member of staff aware of this and let them know the best contact number for you to be reached on throughout the day.*

*Parents MUST inform staff if they have administered medications such as Calpol or other pain relief or anti-histamine to the child prior to them coming to nursery. This information is vital if we need to call for medical assistance.*

*Children who are on antibiotics cannot attend Busy Bees for the first 48 hours of starting them. Children on long term medication will be assessed on an individual basis.*

*If there is an outbreak of an illness in the nursery, the nursery manager will consult with the Local Health Protection unit for advice. We may decide to exclude children in order to control and outbreak, even where this is not listed in the Governments Exclusion Table for Schools, Nurseries and other childcare facilities.*

*Parents MUST inform the nursery if any child attending the nursery is admitted to hospital, and the discharge instructions must be followed prior to the child attending nursery.*

*A child should not return to nursery for A FULL 48 HOURS after an anesthetic or antibiotics*

*have been given.*

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*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 using the contact details provided to collect your child immediately 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. (please ensure your child's contact details are updated at all times).*

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

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

*Coughs, colds and flu: coughs and colds do not normally require the child to be excluded from nursery, but this depends on the severity of the illness and how the child is able to cope with the nursery day. 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.*

*Covid 19: There is currently no requirement for people to test for Covid 19. However, It is recommended that children avoid contact from other people for 3 days after they test positive and 5 days for adults. (Please refer to guidance above on coughs, colds and flu).*

*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.*

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*Scarlet Fever: Child may return to nursery after 24 hours of being treated with antibiotics if they are well enough to attend. If however, the child does not receive antibiotics they must stay away from nursery for 14 days.*

*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 advice or collection.*

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

*Broken limbs/stitches: According to medical advice 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.*

*This policy was adopted by the managers and staff, and updated on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2023  
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”.***

