



## INFECTIOUS ILLNESSES POLICY

**Sunny Beach Day Nursery is committed to the health and safety of all children and staff who play, learn and work here. As such, it will sometimes be necessary to insist that a poorly child be collected early from a session or to be kept at home while they get better. In such cases, the provisions of this policy will be implemented.**

In accordance with the procedures set out in the Health, Illness and Emergency policy, parents/carers will be notified immediately if their child has become ill and needs to go home. Poorly children will be comforted, kept safe and under close supervision until they are collected. If a child has had to go home prematurely due to illness, they should remain at home until they are better for at least 24 hours. If a member of staff becomes ill at work, similar restrictions on their return will apply.

If a child or member of staff becomes ill outside of nursery hours, they should notify the nursery as soon as possible. The minimum exclusion periods outlined in the table below will then come into operation.

If any infectious or communicable disease is detected within the nursery premises, staff will inform parents/carers personally, in writing, as soon as possible. Nursery is committed to sharing as much information as possible about the source of the disease and the steps being taken to ensure its removal. Ofsted will also be informed of any infectious or communicable diseases discovered on the nursery premises.

## **HEAD LICE**

When a case of head lice is discovered at nursery, the situation will be dealt with carefully and safely. The child concerned will not be isolated from other children and there is no need for them to be excluded from activities or sessions at nursery.

When the child concerned is collected, their parent/carer will be informed in a sensitive manner.

Other parents/carers will be informed as quickly as possible in writing, including advice and guidance on treating head lice.

Staff should check themselves regularly for lice and treat whenever necessary.

## **MINIMUM EXCLUSION PERIODS FOR ILLNESS AND DISEASE**

Antibiotics prescribed	First 24 hours
Chicken Pox	7 days from when the rash first appeared, spots scabbed.
Conjunctivitis	24 hours or until the eyes have stopped 'weeping'
Diarrhoea	48 hours
Diphtheria	2-5 days
Gastro-enteritis, food poisoning, Salmonella and Dysentery	48 hours or until advised by the doctor
Glandular Fever	Until certified well
Hand, Food and Mouth disease	During acute phase and while

	rash and ulcers are present
Hepatitis A	7 days from onset of jaundice and when recovered
Hepatitis B	Until clinically well
High temperature	24 hours, normal temperature
Impetigo	Until the skin has healed
Infective hepatitis	7 days from the onset
Measles	7 days from when the rash first appeared
Meningitis	Until certified well
Mumps	7 days minimum or until the swelling has subsided
Pediculosis (Lice)	Until treatment has been given
Pertussis (whooping cough)	21 days from the onset
Plantar warts	Should be treated and covered
Poliomyelitis	Until certified well
Ringworm of the body	Until treatment has been given
Rubella (German Measles)	4 days from onset of rash
Scabies	Until treatment has been given
Scarlet Fever and streptococcal infection of the throat	3 days from the start of the treatment
Tuberculosis	Until declared free from the infection by a doctor
Typhoid Fever	Until declared free from the infection by a doctor
Warts (including Verrucae)	Exclusion not necessary. Sufferer should keep feet covered.
Thrush	48 hours after course of antibiotics start

This list is not necessarily exhaustive and staff are encouraged to contact local health services if they are in any doubt.

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