



## Sick Child Policy

If a child is feeling unwell at home we ask that they are not brought to the setting but kept at home to recover from their illness. We also ask that parents inform us of their child's illness by phone to the school office 01297 442623 to assist us in caring for the children on their return and enables us to look out for similar symptoms in other children.

When in the setting if a child is feeling unwell and/or is suspected of having an infectious illness their key person will support them and stay with them. The key person will offer comfort to the child and care for them while another worker contacts the parents.

On contacting the parents the key person will describe the nature of the illness, the symptoms and how long the child has been feeling unwell. The parents will be asked to come to the setting to collect their child.

If an infectious illness is suspected we will refer to the most up to date Infections in Children documentation to determine the appropriate action to take. The key person will stay with the child in a separate room, away from other children, while they wait for the child to be collected.

If there is a frequent occurrence of an infection all the parents in the setting will be notified.

We will inform the Health Protection Agency of any infectious diseases that a qualified medical person considers notifiable.

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