



KINDERGARTEN SICKNESS POLICY

INTRODUCTION

Our policy for the exclusion of ill or infectious children is discussed with parents at the beginning of each school year. This includes procedures for contacting parents, or other authorised adults, if a child becomes unwell while in the setting

PRINCIPLES

- We do not provide care for children who are unwell, have a temperature, or sickness, or diarrhoea, or who have an infectious disease. If a child becomes ill while at the kindergarten his/her parent or carer is contacted and asked to pick the child up.
- Children with head lice are not excluded, but must be treated to remedy the condition. The Kindergarten PTA operate a rota to check each child for head lice.
- Parents are notified if there is a case of head lice in the setting
- Parents are notified if there is an infectious disease, such as chicken pox.
- HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus) may affect children or families attending the setting. Staff may or may not be informed about it
- Children or families are not excluded because of HIV.
- Good hygiene practice when clearing any spilled bodily fluids is carried out at all times
- Staff suffering from sickness or diarrhoea do not handle food
- Ofsted is notified of any infectious diseases that a qualified medical person considers notifiable
- The Kindergarten follows a 48 hour rule regarding sickness or diarrhoea. Children who have had an episode of diarrhoea and/or vomiting must be excluded until they have been symptom-free for forty eight hours. This is in line with Public Health Education.

REFERENCES

This policy has been informed by:

PHE Guidance on infection control in schools and other childcare settings (2014)

See also: [Health & Safety Policy](#)

This policy will be reviewed annually			
Latest Review: January 2017	By:	Kathy Ballantine, Acting Head	No changes
Next Review: January 2018	By:	Kindergarten Head	

