



# Treetops Nursery

## Illness / healthcare policy

We are happy to care for children with minor coughs (unless covid related) and colds but will not care for children who are very unwell, infectious or running a high temperature (38 degrees or over). We also cannot care for children whose temperature is being reduced with medication such as Calpol.

If your child is very unwell then they will be better cared for in their own home. We also need to consider the welfare of the other children in our care.

We will consult the Health Protection Agency's document - 'Guidance on infection control in schools and other childcare settings' when deciding if / how long to exclude children from the setting with regards to infectious illness. We use the document as a guide, but reserve the right to make the final judgement call on how long a child is excluded from the setting.

**If your child has been suffering from sickness and/or diarrhoea, they cannot return to the setting until at least 48 hours after the last episode of sickness and/or diarrhoea.**

It is also very important that any parents/carers do not drop off at the setting if they have been suffering from sickness and diarrhoea. Any adults coming to the setting must also have been clear of sickness and diarrhoea for at least 48 hours.

If your child is diagnosed with any infectious illness, please contact us ASAP via phone or email and we will let you know if / how long your child will need to be kept from the setting.

If a child in our care is diagnosed with an infectious disease, we will notify the Health Protection Agency, Health and Safety Executive and Ofsted where appropriate.

It is extremely important that when dropping your child at our setting you inform us of any illness the child has had since last in our care (whether infectious or not). This is so we can be cautious of contact with vulnerable persons (e.g. pregnant women) where appropriate and also have full information to pass onto emergency services if your child were to require emergency medical treatment.

If your child becomes very unwell whilst in our care, we will make them as comfortable as possible, isolate them from the other children if necessary and reassure them. We will contact you immediately and continue to care for your child until you arrive.

If your child became seriously ill whilst in our care, we would seek emergency medical treatment and contact you immediately.

We are happy to administer medication - please see our medication policy.

We are unable to take children within the first 48 hours of commencing antibiotic treatment. This is in case they have an adverse reaction to the medication, but also because it usually takes antibiotics this long to start to work and stop the child being infectious/having a temperature.

Parents/carers of children who have a long term illness or health concerns such as allergies will be required to complete a care plan form before their child starts at the nurse. The parent/carer and must complete the form with the nursery manager.

Please see separate Coronavirus policy for procedures on Covid 19.

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