



## **Muddy Boots/Early Years Illness Policy**

This policy covers all areas of childhood illness including but not exclusively to sickness, diarrhea, high temperatures, infectious illness and diseases. Each individual case will be assessed and treated accordingly as per the policy in place.

### **Intent of Care in Early years**

We provide care for healthy children and promote health through identifying allergies and preventing contact with the allergenic substance and through preventing cross infection of viruses and bacterial infections. This includes teaching the children about good hygiene. We ask parents to work with us to limit the spread of illness to other children and members of staff. Cleaning procedures are in place for both the setting and resources to help contain and stop the spread of any infection or illness. [Click here](#) to access the DfE's Notifiable diseases guidance.

**The EYFS Statutory Framework states:** The provider must promote the good health, including the oral health, of children attending the setting. They must have a procedure, discussed with parents and/or carers, for responding to children who are ill or infectious, take necessary steps to prevent the spread of infection, and take appropriate action if children are ill.

[Click here](#) for guidance on health protection in schools and other childcare facilities which sets out when and for how long children need to be excluded from settings, when treatment/medication is required and where to get further advice.

### **Dealing with illness either in the setting or before attending**

If your child becomes unwell whilst they are with us we will contact you or the next available contact on their emergency contacts form to discuss the course of action

required.

In the case of a high temperature (anything over 38C) we will ask you to come and collect your child as they are more at risk of febrile seizures at this age [click here](#) for more information.

If a child has a case of sickness or diarrhea they will be sent home and unable to return to the setting for 48 hours after the last incident. Please do not send your child to the setting if they have had any sickness or diarrhea at home in the last 48 hours.

**In any emergency/and or failure to get hold of a parent/carer we will seek medical advice.**

Please speak to a member of the team if you are unsure about whether your child is well enough to attend Muddy Boots or Reception. Infectious diseases such as chicken pox need to be dealt with on a case to case basis and we are here to help and advise. Please [click this link](#) for a guide from the NHS about if your child is well enough to go to school with common childhood illnesses

Please note that we are unable to administer non-prescription medicines. This **includes calpol** and other fever-reducing medicines. If a child has a prescription medication and administering medication form must be completed by the parent/carer before any medications can be administered. This also stands for inhalers, epipens and any other form of medication prescribed by a doctor.

Please inform the Nursery Manager or Class Teacher before the session start time if your child is absent through illness or any other reason. Fees are due during periods of absence including sickness. Cases of long term sickness will be considered by the Governors on an individual basis.

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