Sickness Exclusion Policy

Noah’s Ark Pre-School

September 2025

Children who are ill It is at the Manager’s discretion whether or not to allow a child into nursery if they are showing signs of illness, even if there is no exclusion period or if this is after any exclusion period has passed or if a doctor has stated that they are not infectious.

The Manager will need to take into account the demeanour of the child and whether they are well enough to participate in nursery activities. They must also consider whether allowing a sick child in nursery would affect the staff to child ratios, as children who are unwell may require continual one to one attention. If we allow a child showing signs of illness or who has recently recovered from an illness into nursery then we will monitor them regularly and will contact parent/s to ask that they are collected if they become unwell again.

Guidelines for highly infectious illnesses such as Hand, Foot and mouth we will require you to keep your child at home for 48 following diagnosis by a doctor or pharmacist to prevent exposure and contraction of illness by children.

**Illness Outbreaks**

 If there is an outbreak of an illness in nursery then the Manger will consult with the local Public Health England for advice. We may decide to exclude children in order to control an outbreak even where this is not listed in our normal exclusion policy.

**Infectious Illness reporting**

 If a child has an illness we would request that the parent/s contact the nursery as soon as possible so we can communicate this to all staff and parents, as well as PHE and Ofsted if it is a notifiable disease. This is particularly important in case a child has come into contact with a pregnant staff member or parent.

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Position: Manager