

PARENT/CARER POLICY
ILLNESS/SICKNESS POLICY

- When a child becomes ill at nursery every effort will be made to contact the parents, who will be requested to collect their child as soon as possible. This also includes if a child shows any signs or symptoms that we may feel are contagious such as spots or a rash. Staff, with parental consent, will check children if they suspect symptoms, this includes rashes, spots, head lice etc.
- Children with head lice are allowed to return to nursery once the live lice have been removed and the hair has been treated. Please seek advice on treatment and prevention.
- When a child has been sent home from nursery it may be beneficial for them to see a doctor, especially in the case of a contagious disease. Once your child is well again and/or has no contagious illness he or she is welcome to return to nursery.
- Please notify us if you are aware your child has a contagious illness or if the cause of the illness has been confirmed by a doctor. **Also notify us if your child has had a head injury within the last 48hours.**
- Children must not attend nursery if they have a contagious disease/illness. Our policy runs alongside 'Guidance on infection control on schools and other childcare settings by Public Health England. It details exclusion periods if required e.g. if a child is suffering from sickness or diarrhoea they must not return to nursery until at least 48 hours after their last bout of sickness/diarrhoea.
- It is of greatest importance to us that you collect your child quickly if they are ill to ensure that if contagious they do not infect others. It is also important that you are aware that we cannot provide long-term one to one care, as this is detrimental to other children within the nursery.