



Sick Child Procedure

Statement of Intent

As part of our Health and Safety Policy, parents/carers are asked to keep their children at home if they have any infection and to inform the Pre-School as to the nature of the infection.

Children with the following conditions will not be admitted to Pre-School:

1. A raised temperature or an infection treated with antibiotics for less than 48 hours.
2. Certain illnesses, which are considered to be actively infectious or contagious.
3. Conjunctivitis which is untreated or which has been treated for less than 24 hours.
4. Sickness or diarrhoea within the last 48 hours.
5. If a child develops any of the above symptoms, the carer will be contacted and asked to collect their child.

Ultimately admission with illness will be judged on a case-by-case basis and the decision of the Early Years' Manager/Deputy Early Years' Manager is final. **Parents are asked to remember that Pre-School is NOT the place for a sick child when they require one-to-one nursing, something which no setting can provide. They should be at home. You can reference our handy "traffic light" sheet for determining whether your child is fit for Pre-School attached to this procedure as Appendix A.**

Exclusion Periods

This list is by no means exhaustive and the exclusion periods are a minimum and guidance – at the end of these periods, your child may still not be well enough to attend Pre-school, and should only return when fully healthy again. The exclusion period does not take into account any large scale outbreak of a particular disease / illness. If we have more than 2/3 confirmed case within less than a 5 day period, we will class it as a serious outbreak and may implement different protocols regarding admittance of children within a class or the setting.

The Early Years' Managers decision regarding any changes to the admittance is final, as the Early Years' Manager is not just responsible for the welfare of all children but also the staff.

DISEASE	EXCLUSION PERIOD
Chickenpox	Until all spots are dry and the child is fit and healthy to return.
Cold	See "Traffic Light" sheet – Appendix A
Conjunctivitis	Until treatment has been started.
COVID-19	Please refer to the latest guidance as set out by the UK Health Security Agency
Diarrhea & vomiting	48 hours after last bout of diarrhea and / or vomiting.
Hand, foot and mouth disease	Children with blisters or unable to participate with everyday activities without the aid of medication will not be admitted to pre-school.
Hepatitis A	For 5 days after onset of jaundice.
Impetigo	Until lesions are crusted and healed.
Measles	For 5 days after rash appears and the child is fit and healthy to return.
Mumps	For 5 days after onset of swollen glands and the child is fit and healthy to return.
Ringworm	None as long as being treated by GP.

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Rubella (German Measles)	For 5 days after rash appears and the child is fit and healthy to return.
Scabies	Until treated and clear.
Scarlet fever	For 5 days after starting antibiotics and the child is fit and healthy to return.
Temperature	Until temperature within normal range without the aid of medication.
Threadworms	Once treatment has started.
Tuberculosis	GP will advise on course of action.
Whooping cough (pertussis)	For 5 days after commencing antibiotics and the child is fit and healthy to return.

The pre-school will email parents directly of any infectious or contagious illness active in the Pre-School / classrooms. This will allow people the opportunity to take steps to limit their own exposure (i.e., pregnant women or clinically vulnerable and/or clinically extremely vulnerable people).

It is not the policy of the Pre-School to exclude children unnecessarily or to have in place policies that are so rigid that they are never followed in practice. However, if a child becomes distressed or ill whilst at Pre-School, or their temperature becomes raised, the carer will be asked to pick up their child as soon as possible, even if the illness is minor. We realise that teething may occasionally cause diarrhoea; however, Pre-School staff cannot allow a child with the condition to remain in Pre-School. A doctor should make this diagnosis.

In the case of head lice, we will inform the parents of the child who has head lice and send out an email to all parents within the same class to carry out a precautionary check. Parents must treat the outbreak effectively in time for the next Pre-School session. It is the carer's responsibility to check and treat their own children for head lice. Head lice are a fact of life in all educational establishments and although harmless they can be distressing for the child. The only guarantee that your child will not have them is to check your child's head regularly.

We feel that this policy is sufficient for most common illnesses until the parent/carer collects the child. If, however, the child seems very ill we would make no hesitation to phone for medical assistance such as a doctor or ambulance. Should this be the case a member of staff will accompany the child at all times.

Accidents at Pre-School

All staff working with the children have Paediatric First Aid training. If a child has an accident at Pre-School, a trained member of staff will treat the child immediately. If the accident is serious the parent/carers will be contacted immediately and, where necessary, an ambulance will be called.

All accidents are recorded on accident record forms and parents/carers will be asked to sign the sheets on collection of the child.

Any injuries to a child's head will be recorded and a separate form handed to the parents/carers upon collection of the child with information on head injuries.

If a child has an accident that needs notification to outside agencies, i.e. Ofsted, RIDDOR, HSE, etc., they will be informed within a reasonable timeframe and in accordance with their procedures and Stockton House Pre-School's **Incident Recording Procedure**.

Contact Details

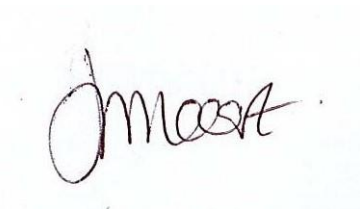
Stockton House Pre-School keeps contact details for all parents/carers on the Pre-School premises so that we can quickly and easily make contact when necessary. Although we update these regularly, should your contact details change then please ensure the office is informed either by sending an email to the office or by completing our Change of Details form. This form can be found on our website and can be filled out quickly online. It is imperative that parents are proactive in keeping these details up-to-date and making sure that there is always someone available to collect a sick child within a reasonable timeframe. In certain circumstances, we will give Calpol to bring down a raised temperature when parents are en route to collect their child having already been granted permission to do so.

During periods of "pandemic / epidemic"

During a periods of "pandemic / epidemic", exclusion periods may be increased and children displaying temperatures or common cold symptoms may be refused entry to the Pre-School. Further details on such changes will be sent to parents and published in the pandemic / epidemic policy specific for that period of time.

Review

This Procedure has been reviewed and updated on 1st August 2025 by

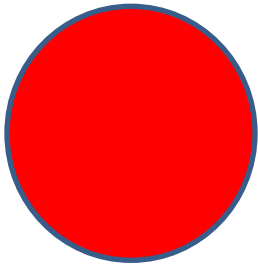
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Appendix A

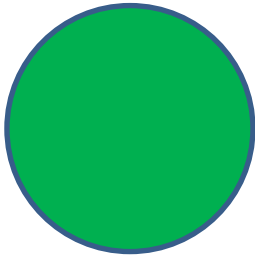
Is your child too sick for Pre-School today?

Too sick for Pre-School



- Temperature over 37.8°
- Wheezing or shortness of breath
- Constant runny nose with yellow/green tinge
- Lethargy
- Diarrhoea or vomiting
- Red, sore eyes which have a discharge
- Sore throat or swollen glands
- Undiagnosed rash
- Cannot join in daily routine (including outside play)
- Needs Calpol or similar analgesics (pain relief)
- Chesty cough

OK to come to play



- Mild, infrequent cough
- Clear, runny nose
- Active, rested and playful

Please note your child should not return to school until 48 hours after their last episode of sickness and or diarrhoea.