



WILLOWDENE NURSERY SCHOOL  
42 Reading Rd. Chineham Basingstoke RG24 8LT  
Tel 01256324191

## **Sickness Statment**

Children should not be left at nursery if they are unwell. If a child is unwell then they will prefer to be at home with their parent(s) rather than at nursery with their peers. We will follow these procedures to ensure the welfare of all children within the nursery:

- If a child becomes ill during the nursery day, their parent(s) will be contacted and asked to pick their child up as soon as possible. During this time the child will be cared for in a quiet, calm area with their key person
- Should a child have an infectious disease, such as an eye/ear infection or sickness and diarrhoea, they should not return to nursery until they have been clear for at least 48 hours
- It is vital that we follow the advice given to us by our registering authority and exclude specific contagious conditions, e.g. sickness and diarrhoea, conjunctivitis and chicken pox to protect other children in the nursery. Illnesses of this nature are very contagious and it is exceedingly unfair to expose other children to the risk of an infection
- If a contagious infection is identified in the nursery, parents will be informed to enable them to spot the early signs of this illness. All equipment and resources that may have come into contact with a contagious child will be cleaned and sterilised thoroughly to reduce the spread of infection
- It is important that children are not subjected to the rigours of the nursery day, which requires socialising with other children and being part of a group setting, when they have first become ill and require a course of antibiotics. Our policy, therefore, is to exclude children on antibiotics for the first 48 hours of the course
- The nursery has the right to refuse admission to a child who is unwell. This decision will be taken by the manager on duty and is non-negotiable
- Information/posters about head lice are readily available and all parents are requested to regularly check their children's hair. If a parent finds that their child has head lice we would be grateful if they could inform the nursery so that other parents can be alerted to check their child's hair.
- The designated First Aiders have a current first aid certificate and has attended a 12hour paediatric first aid course, which complies with the requirements of Annex A of the EYFS. First aid training will be renewed every three years.

## **Sickness Statment**

**In the interests of all children, we ask you to keep your child at home when :**

1. Your child has a temperature over 38 degrees, or exhibits behaviour changes or other signs that your child does not feel well enough to participate comfortably in the daily activities. Please keep your child home until his/her temperature and behaviour returns to normal , and for at least 24 hrs after temperature returns to normal.
2. Your child has had diarrhoea in the past 48 hours. Please keep your child at home until the child has been diarrhoea-free for 48 hours or stools are formed enough that they are contained in the nappy Potty trained children should be accident-free for two days.
3. Your child is vomiting. Please keep your child home for up to 48 hours after the vomiting has ended.
4. Your child has a runny nose, accompanied by fever and/ or has difficulty breathing, please keep your child home until the child is acting better and fever free.
5. If your child has been prescribed antibiotics he/she MUST spend the first 72 hours at home.
6. Your child is experiencing itchy, watery eyes , please keep your child home until the condition has been evaluated and treatment has begun.
7. Your child has an unexplained skin rash, please keep your child home until the condition has been evaluated and treated.
8. As parents, use your best judgment in determining your child's health. Please take your child seriously when he/she says they are not feeling well.

Children returning to Nursery whilst still unwell are not only spreading infection but are also at a greater risk of decreasing their bodies defences and immunities. They will then be more liable to catch further infections and illnesses, thus creating a vicious circle that will be difficult to break. For this reason these children will be sent home immediately.

**Meningitis procedure** If a parent informs the nursery that their child has meningitis, the nursery manager should contact the Infection Control (IC) Nurse for their area, and \*Ofsted/\*Care and Social Services Inspectorate Wales (CSSIW)/\*Social Care Social Work Improvement Scotland (SCSWIS) (*\*delete as appropriate*). The IC Nurse will give guidance and support in each individual case. If parents do not inform the nursery, we will be contacted directly by the IC Nurse and the appropriate support will be given.

### **Transporting children to hospital procedure**

- If the sickness is severe, call for an ambulance immediately. DO NOT attempt to transport the sick child in your own vehicle
- Whilst waiting for the ambulance, contact the parent and arrange to meet them at the hospital
- A senior member of staff must accompany the child and collect together registration forms, relevant medication sheets, medication and the child's comforter. A member of the management team must also be informed immediately

Remain calm at all times. Children who witness an incident may well be affected by it and may need lots of cuddles and reassurance

- April 2017 - added The designated First Aiders have a current first aid certificate and has attended a 12hour paediatric first aid course, which complies with the requirements of Annex A of the EYFS. First aid training will be renewed every three years.