



## Sick Children and Infectious Disease Procedure

The health and well-being of children in our centre is of the highest priority. Sick children should not come to preschool. Instead, they need time and care to recover within a family environment. While we understand how difficult this can be for working parents, it is very important that sickness is not passed on to other children and staff members.

The purpose of this statement is to provide guidance as to when your child is likely to be infectious to others and therefore needs to be excluded from preschool.

This is likely to be when your child has:

- A temperature of 38C or higher
- Been vomiting in the last 24 hours
- Diarrhea
- A productive cough
- Conjunctivitis
- Coloured nasal mucous
- An undiagnosed rash
- Head Lice [until treated]
- Cold sores

A list of infectious diseases and their exclusion times is available from our centre if further specific information is required.

In the event of your child becoming ill at preschool, we will telephone you to collect your child. If there are confirmed cases of infectious diseases we will place a facts sheet by the sign in sheets which gives information about signs and symptoms, what parents can do and the exclusion time from preschool.