

Toy Box Illness and Exclusion Policy

The nursery will not undertake the care of sick children. If a child becomes ill during the session, the nursery will make every effort to contact the parents who will be requested to collect their child as soon as possible. In most cases when a child is sent home we feel it would be beneficial for the child to see a doctor. Please notify the nursery if you are aware that your child has an illness or is feeling unwell. The following exclusion times are required for infectious diseases:-

Chicken pox – Children will be excluded from the nursery on suspicion of chicken pox. If confirmed the child may not return until all of the spots have scabbed over.

Conjunctivitis – Children will not be excluded unless they are feeling particularly unwell. However if there are a number of cases of conjunctivitis at the nursery. You may be advised to keep your child away until their infection has cleared up.

Impetigo – Children will be excluded on suspicion of this infection. If confirmed the child may not return until the symptoms have completely cleared up.

Diarrhoea/Vomiting – Children will be excluded if showing either of these symptoms and may not return for a period of 48 hours after the symptoms have ceased.

Coughs and Colds – Please do not bring your child in to the nursery if he/she is feeling unwell.

Rubella (German Measles) – Children will be excluded on suspicion of German Measles. If confirmed, children will not be able to return for one week from the onset of the rash.

Measles – Children will be excluded on suspicion and if confirmed, the child will not be allowed to return for one week from the onset of the rash.

Mumps – Children will be excluded on suspicion and if confirmed will not be allowed to return for a minimum of 7 days and the swelling has gone.

Whooping Cough – Children will be excluded on suspicion and will not be able to return, if confirmed, for a period of 7 days after the antibiotics.

Scabies – Children will be excluded for 48 hours after treatment has been received.

Head Lice and Nits – Children will not be excluded but all parents will be informed if any cases are found in the nursery so that parents can check their child's hair. Regular wet combing methods are recommended to prevent outbreaks.

Hand, Foot and Mouth – Children will not be excluded but parents will be advised of any cases within the nursery. However if there are a number of cases at the nursery. You may be advised to keep your child away until their infection has cleared up.

For your information, we will display notices of infectious illness prominently, normally on the parent notice board near the front door. Please inform us if your child is unwell and unable to attend the nursery.

Medicines

Staff may administer prescribed medicines to children. These must have the child's name and dosage on the label. Please see our medication policy for guidance.

Vaccinations

Please inform us when your child has had a recent vaccination as, although they may suffer no immediate after effects, they may do so at a later stage we will also update your child’s information.

If a child contracts any of the above infectious diseases, other parents will be informed by an emergency newsletter and information on the notice board. If we have reason to believe that any child is suffering from a notifiable disease identified as such in the Public Health (Infection Diseases) Regulations 1988, we will inform the Health Protection Agency and Ofsted. We will act on any advice given by the Health Protection Agency and inform Ofsted of any action taken.

A list of notifiable diseases can be found at Public Health England, *Guidance on infection control in schools and other childcare settings* and is displayed on our parent’s notice board. Further guidance on infection control in schools and childcare settings can also be found at Public Health England *Guidance on infection control in schools and other childcare settings*.

This policy has been adopted by Toy Box Nursery LTD

Sign on behalf of the setting by:

..... Owner

..... Manager

Date:

Review Date: