

Sick Children Policy

Sunbeams policy is that children should not attend nursery if they are ill. This means any child with temperature, vomiting, diarrhoea, any illness or infection that could be caught by other children or staff.

Children with coughs and colds are normally accepted, providing the child can carry out normal nursery activities.

Should child become ill whilst in our care, minor illnesses will be monitored by staff and parents informed. If we feel a child is at risk due to a high temperature, we will ring and ask for verbal permission to administer paracetamol or ibuprofen, (written permission given on enrolment forms). If we feel a child is too ill to attend, or shows symptoms of diarrhoea, sickness or a rash, we will ask that the child is collected from nursery.

In the event of a child becoming very ill, they will be taken to a quiet area and monitored carefully by staff whilst parents are contacted to collect. Should the illness be severe or life threatening an ambulance will be called. Staff are paediatric first aid trained and will do their utmost to administer basic first aid if required and if it is safe to do so. Staff will take the child's personal details with them, but will insure a copy is left at nursery. A written report of any such incidents will be kept at Nursery and one given to parents to sign and offer feedback. OFSTED will also be informed if an ambulance is required.

For further guidance on exclusion advice for illnesses please look at the following link:

http://www.publichealth.hscni.net/sites/default/files/Guidance_on_infection_control_in%20schools_poster.pdf