

## **Findon Village Preschool Sickness Policy and Infectious and Communicable Diseases Policy,**

Our aim is to provide the best possible care for all our children at Findon Village Preschool, especially when they are contagious to others. It is the parent's responsibility to ensure that their child does not attend preschool and put other children/staff at risk. Therefore, if a parent continually sends a sick or unwell child to preschool, we will be forced to review the child's place.

Could we please ask that parents/carers keep us informed about their child's health and contact us via telephone or email to inform us if your child is unwell and unable to attend preschool. This allows us to communicate this to staff and parents, as well as Health Protection and Ofsted if it is a disease that requires notification. This is particularly important in case a child has to come into contact with a pregnant member of staff or parent.

If a child appears to be unwell as they are brought into preschool, they may be refused admission. We do not provide daycare for children who are unwell, have a temperature or have diarrhoea, sickness or have an infectious disease. If your child is not well enough to participate in the daily activities, they should not attend preschool. An unwell child requires 1:1 care, which we cannot provide at preschool.

If your child has not been themselves at home but is not showing signs of illness when brought into preschool, please make a member of staff aware of this and let them know the best contact number for you to be reached on throughout the day.

Parents should not bring children into the preschool if they have been given Calpol or other pain relief. Parents MUST inform staff if they have administered medications such as anti-histamine to the child prior to them coming to preschool. This information is vital if we need to call for medical assistance.

Children who are on antibiotics cannot attend Findon Village Preschool for the first 48 hours of starting them. Children on long-term medication will be assessed on an individual basis.

If there is an outbreak of an illness in the preschool, the preschool manager will consult with the Local Health Protection unit for advice. We may decide to exclude children in order to control an outbreak, even where this is not listed in the Government's Exclusion Table for Schools, Nurseries and other childcare facilities.

Parents MUST inform the preschool if any child attending the preschool is admitted to hospital, and the discharge instructions must be followed prior to the child attending preschool.

A child should not return to preschool for A FULL 48 HOURS after an anaesthetic or antibiotics

have been given.

If your child needs to receive medication whilst in preschool care please see the policy regarding administration of medication. If a child is on antibiotics, then they must be forty-eight hours into the course before returning to the preschool or at the manager/deputy manager's discretion.

You will be contacted by a member of staff using the contact details provided to collect your child immediately if they become unwell while in our care. The child will be cared for by a member of staff in a quiet area away from other children until parents/carers arrive to collect them. (please ensure your child's contact details are always updated).

If a child has a notifiable illness or serious injury, the preschool will contact OFSTED and any local child protection agencies.

**Please use the following guidelines before bringing your child back to preschool:**

**Coughs, colds and flu:** coughs and colds do not normally require the child to be excluded from preschool, but this depends on the severity of the illness and how the child is able to cope with the preschool day. The child should have a normal temperature and feel fit and healthy.

**Conjunctivitis:** Creams must have been received from the doctor and treatment should have commenced. Eyes should not have any discharge from them.

**Chickenpox:** All spots must have completely scabbed over (usually five days incubation period). A letter will be displayed on the door to inform parents of any cases of chickenpox within the preschool.

**Impetigo:** Medical advice must have been sought, and sores must not be weeping.(usually a five-day incubation period).

**Hand, foot and mouth:** All sores must have been treated by a doctor, and sores should not be weeping.(usually a five-day incubation period).

**Head lice:** Parents will be contacted via telephone and asked to collect their child so that treatment can commence as soon as possible. A notice will be displayed for parents on the classes door to inform parents of any cases of head lice within the preschool.

**Measles:** The rash should have gone, and the child is acting healthy.

**Sickness/diarrhoea:** At least 48 hours since last bout.

**Temperature:** The normal temperature for a child is 37c. If a child's temperature reaches 39c or above, parents will be contacted for medical advice or collection.

Unknown rashes: Medical advice should be sought with a doctor's note informing us that the condition isn't contagious if a child returns with the rash.

Broken limbs/stitches: According to medical advice and based on the individual child, this will be discussed with parents. We will report any cases to OFSTED if a child is required to stay in the hospital overnight.

This policy was adopted by the managers and staff, and updated on 8<sup>th</sup> June 2022 Signed on behalf of Findon Village Preschool Preschool

"Our setting is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, young people and adults at all times and expects everybody working within this setting to share this commitment".

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