

## **SICKNESS EXCLUSION POLICY**

This policy sets out the exclusion periods from nursery for children who are ill, including if they are infectious. Taylor's tots takes into consideration guidance from the Health Protection Agency with regards to exclusion periods for illness and infection control, as well as the needs of the children and staff.

<b>ILLNESS/INFECTION</b>	<b>EXCLUSION PERIOD FOR CHILDREN</b>
Chicken Pox/Shingles	Until spots are crusted over 7/10 days.
Conjunctivitis	Medication essential. Eyes must be clear on return. Children cannot attend nursery for the first 24hrs of an antibiotic course.
Diarrhoea and or vomiting.	48hrs from the last episode. Children who have 3 or more loose stools in a nursery session will be sent home.
German Measles	5 days from onset of rash.
Glandular fever	None however must be well enough to participate in the nursery activities.
Hand Foot and Mouth	Must be clear of all spots, 5-10 days.
Head Lice.	Sent home for treatment, may return the next day if clear.
Impetigo	Must be clear of all lesions.
Tonsillitis	Must be out for 48hrs on antibiotics before returning to nursery with medication.

Any child on antibiotics must remain out of the nursery for 24hrs, in some cases it may be 48hrs, please contact the nursery manager.

PLEASE NOTE: This is not an exhaustive list, but contains the most common exclusions.

**Parents should always seek medical advice from their GP or accident and emergency department regarding the specific symptoms of their child.**

**NHS Direct 0845 4647 / [www.nhsdirect.nhs.uk](http://www.nhsdirect.nhs.uk).**

### **CHILDREN WHO ARE ill:**

It is at the manager's discretion whether or not to allow a child into nursery. If they are showing signs of illness, even if there is no exclusion period or this is after any exclusion period has passed or if a doctor has stated that they are not infectious. The manager will need to take into account the demeanour of the child and whether they are well enough to participate in nursery activities. They must also consider whether allowing a sick child into the nursery would affect the staff ratios, as children who are unwell may require continual one to one attention; we do not provide this care. If we allow a child showing signs of illness, or who has recently recovered from an illness into nursery then we will monitor them regularly and will contact parents to ask that they are collected if they become unwell again.

### **ILLNESS OUTBREAKS:**

If there is an outbreak of an illness in nursery we will inform all parents without delay. In extreme circumstances we will contact the local Health Protection Unit for advice.

### **INFECTIOUS ILLNESS REPORTING:**

If a child has an illness we would request that the parents contact the nursery as soon as possible so we can communicate this to all staff and parents, as well as the Health protection and Ofsted if it is a modifiable disease.

### **TEMPREATURES:**

Any child showing signs of a temperature will be sent home. We can administer Calpol, but only prescribed calpol. We will always contact a parent before administering calpol. If a child is sent home on two or more consecutive days with a high temperature, we will require them to seek medical attention.

## **INJECTIONS:**

If your child has had their child hood immunisations we ask you to keep them off nursery for the first 24hrs. This is due to many children having high temperatures after injections and some children having serious reactions to them.

This list is not exhaustive and there will be many occasions that may require the manager's discretion. We ask for your co-operation in these matters.