



**DAY NURSERY AND PRE-SCHOOL**  
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## **Care of a Sick Child/Collection Policy**

If a member of staff believes a child to be unwell, she must consult the Room supervisor and the child's Key Person.

The member of staff should:-

- Take the child's temperature—if  $37.5^{\circ}\text{C}$  or above, and with the parents consent, calpol or equivalent should be given. The child's temperature should be check by the same person, if possible, every 20 to 30 minutes.
- The child should be reassured and comforted.
- Health & Safety Policy regarding dealing with bodily fluids must be followed.
- If signs or symptoms of an infectious disease are detected, the child will be cared for on a one to one basis away from their peers (usually in the office), avoiding the spread of infection.

### **Sending A Child Home**

Parents/carers should be contacted by telephone and informed of the nature of their child's illness and any other signs and symptoms. If they are unavailable, an alternative contact from the child's personal record should be sort.

Criteria for sending a child home:-

- If the child remains unwell or distressed.
- If the child's temperature does not return to normal or they do not show any signs of recovery.
- If the child's temperature drops below  $35^{\circ}\text{C}$  or rises above  $38^{\circ}\text{C}$  (after calpol)
- No improvement after thirty minutes of administering Calpol or equivalent.
- If a child has diarrhoea or/and vomiting OR other signs/symptoms from the Exclusion Policy.
- If a child shows any signs or symptoms of an infectious disease.
- If a child has received a moderate injury following a trip/fall, where the parent may want to seek medical advice.

In more serious cases, where hospital treatment is needed dial 999 immediately and inform the parents/carers.

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