

2.6 Illness Policy

If a child is not well enough to enjoy Playgroup and take part in activities they should be kept at home. Please phone Playgroup in the morning to inform us of an absence.

Parents are asked to keep their children at home if they have an infection or are unwell. Parents are requested to inform the Playgroup as to the nature of any infection so that the Playgroup can alert other parents and make careful observations of any child who seems unwell.

If any parent is unsure if their child is well enough to attend, they must discuss this with a member of staff before leaving the child.

- Parents are asked not to bring into the Playgroup any child who has been vomiting or had diarrhea until at least 48 hours has elapsed since the last attack.
- Any child who has a temperature, or who has been given Calpol or equivalent, should not be brought into Playgroup.
- Cuts or open sores, whether on adults or children, must be covered with a suitable dressing.
- Children with conjunctivitis will only be admitted from 24 hours after treatment has commenced, due to the contagious nature of the infection.
- If a child is on prescribed medication, after consultation with staff a child *may* be admitted to Playgroup. Medication for acute illnesses or conditions may be administered by staff, if a medication form has been completed and signed by the parent. Please see Medication Policy for full details.
- The Playgroup will ensure that the first aid equipment is kept clean, replenished and replaced as necessary. Sterile items will be kept sealed in their packages until needed. As per health and safety guidelines.

Information sources

Parents will have the opportunity to discuss health issues with Playgroup staff and will have access to the information available to the Playgroup. This can also be found on the Playgroup notice board

The Playgroup will maintain links with health visitors and gather health information and advice from the local health authority information service and/or other health agencies.

Emergency Treatment

Parents are required to sign a consent form on admission for emergency treatment.

If any child needs emergency treatment, the parents will be contacted by telephone, and if necessary, a member of staff will accompany the child to hospital.

See also: Accident Policy

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