



# Hall Farm Nursery School

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## **Sickness Policy**

Our sickness guidance at Hall Farm has been prepared to ensure that the emotional and physical wellbeing of the children comes first.

Although we encourage parents / carers to seek medical advice our sickness policy overrides any exclusion advice given by a medical professional as Hall Farm Nursery has a duty of care to ensure the well being of all pupils and its staff, this includes minimising the spread of infection, therefore children who are clearly unwell will not be accepted at nursery.

Children should not attend nursery if they are clearly unwell or distressed through illness.

### **Antibiotics/Any prescribed medication**

Children prescribed antibiotics to treat an infection or any other medication should remain at home for at least 24 hours to support them with their recovery, returning only when they are well enough to participate in a normal nursery day.

### **Sickness and Diarrhoea**

Children who have suffered a bout of sickness and/or diarrhoea must not return to nursery until they have been symptom free for at least 48 hours, at times when sickness is known to be rife the exclusion period increases to 72 hours.

### **Hand Foot and Mouth**

Children who show symptoms or have been diagnosed with hand foot and mouth must not be allowed into nursery until the blisters/rash has healed or where appropriate can be kept covered. i.e. under clothing. Children with hand foot and mouth can also show signs of sickness and diarrhoea (If a child has sickness and diarrhoea then the sickness / diarrhoea policy should be followed.)

## **Conjunctivitis**

Children who have conjunctivitis will not be allowed back at nursery until 24 hours after starting treatment or until the infection/red eye has completely cleared. If conjunctivitis is suspected this must be checked by a doctor.

## **Impetigo**

Children who have symptoms of Impetigo will be allowed back into nursery once lesions have crusted or healed or where appropriate can be kept covered. i.e. under clothing. Treatment for Impetigo should be antibiotics, 48 hours after treatment has started the child will be allowed back into nursery.

## **Chicken pox**

Children who show symptoms of chicken pox will not be allowed into nursery until blisters have healed over or at the earliest 5 days after the onset of the rash.

## **Slapcheek**

Children who show symptoms of slapcheek will be advised to seek medical advice because of the risks to pregnant woman or children with low immune systems. There is no exclusion time unless the child is unwell.

## **Scarlet Fever**

Children should be excluded for at least 24 hours after commencement of antibiotics and/or until the rash is less prominent.

## **Calpol**

Calpol, which is provided by the nursery, may be administered if there is a health reason to do so. We can only give one dose during a nursery session. A medicine form must be completed and signed by parents and staff.

Nursery reserves the right to send home any child it feels maybe infectious or unwell.

Nursery staff are able to administer prescribed medicines as long as the medication is clearly labelled (with a prescription label), has not passed its expiry day and we have a signed and dated consent form from the parent/carer. Nursery staff have the right to refuse to administer any medication they feel unhappy about.

If any member of staff is uncertain regarding the health of a child, the advice of the senior manager should be sought, any decision taken will be with the consultation of the class teacher and the manager.

## **NURSERY DECISIONS FINAL**

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