

**Child Illness**

We endeavour to maintain a healthy Nursery environment; children should be kept at home if unwell. Minor coughs and colds will not exclude attendance at Nursery, as long as the child is well enough to cope with the nursery session.

Nursery staff will administer prescribed medicines only. The appropriate forms must be completed and signed by the parent/carer and medicine MUST have a prescription attached.

The Nursery has an exclusion period which must be adhered to for the following most common childhood illnesses (please note this list not all inclusive):

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Illness** | **Exclusion Period** |
| Chickenpox | Until every spot has completely scabbed over – usually 5 to 8 days |
| Sickness and/or diarrhoea | Not to return to Nursery until 48hrs after the last episode |
| Conjunctivitis | After signs and symptoms disappear, usually 24-48hrs after treatment |
| Slapped Cheek | Until rash has cleared and child is well |
| Hand, foot & mouth | 36hrs after antibiotics started |
| Impetigo | Until treated |
| Head Lice | Until Treated |
| Measles | 5 days after rash appears and child is well |
| Mumps | 7 days after onset of swelling and child is well |
| Rubella | 5 days after rash appears and child is well |
| Scabies | Until mites are killed – usually 2-3 days after treatment is started |
| Coronavirus (Covid-19) | Isolation at home for 10 days from onset of symptoms |