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SICK CHILD POLICY

This policy aims to set out clear systems and procedures to be followed in the event of a child arriving with any symptoms or becoming sick whilst in our care. At all times the confidentiality of children within our care and meeting their needs is our primary concern. Our policy for the exclusion of ill or infectious children is discussed with parents. This includes procedures for contacting parents, or other authorised adults, if a child becomes ill while in the setting.

Procedures for children who are, or become, sick or infectious

- If children appear unwell during the day, the manager or play leader calls the parents and asks them to collect the child, or send a known carer to collect the child on their behalf
- Parents are asked to keep their children at home if they have any infection, and to inform playschool so that where necessary other parents can be alerted
- Parents are asked to take their child to the doctor before returning them to playschool. We can refuse admittance to children who are unwell, have a temperature, or sickness and diarrhoea, or who have an infectious disease
- Parents are asked not to bring to playschool any child who has been vomiting or had diarrhoea until at least 48 hours since the last attack
- Where children have been prescribed antibiotics, parents are asked to keep them at home for 48 hours before returning to playschool
- If the children of playschool staff are unwell they should not accompany their parent/carer to work
- Parents are notified if there is a case of headlice at playschool
- Parents are notified of all infectious and contagious diseases
- HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus) may affect children of families attending the setting. Staff may or may not be informed about it. Children or families are not excluded because of HIV
- Good hygiene practice concerning the clearing of any spilled bodily fluids is carried out at all times
- Staff suffering from sickness or diarrhoea will be excluded from the setting for 48 hours
- Playschool has a list of excludable diseases and current exclusion times
- The local authority's medical officer for environmental health is notified of any infectious diseases that a qualified medical person considers notifiable (Infectious Disease (Notification) Act 1889). Ofsted is also informed where this is the case. The full list is obtainable from www.patient.co.uk and includes common childhood illnesses such as measles.

This policy was adopted at a meeting of	Martlesham & Kesgrave Playschools	
Held on (date)		
Signed on behalf of the Management Committee		
Role of signatory (e.g. chairperson etc.)		
This policy was reviewed on		(date)