

Exclusion for Illness/ Communicable Diseases

1. Purpose

- 1.1 The aim of this document is to outline the periods of exclusion from the setting for different illnesses, this has been devised in accordance of the NHS guidelines.

2. Scope

- 1.2 This policy applies to all staff and children at Ashfield Plaza Day Nursery.

3. Policy Principals

- 3.1 Conjunctivitis – no exclusion period however any child that attends setting with conjunctivitis will be asked to not attend until medication is provided. Once medication is provided we can administer this.
- 3.2 Chicken pox – Staff/children must stay off until all spots have fully scabbed over
- 3.3 Diarrhoea and Vomiting – Staff and children MUST stay off for nursery 48 hours from the last bout.
- 3.4 Gastroenteritis, food poisoning, salmonellosis, dysentery and Novo virus- staff and children MUST be off for 48 hours from the last bout of sickness or diarrhoea. If a notifiable disease then no return until advised by the relevant public health official.
- 3.5 Hand, foot and mouth – No exclusion period for this alone although a diagnosis is needed. Only if the child is unwell they will need to stay at home, once well they may return even if spots/blisters are present.
- 3.6 Impetigo – Children must stay off nursery until the skin has healed but no less than 48 hours.
- 3.7 Head lice – No exclusion from nursery however advice will be given to seek prevention.
- 3.10 Measles – Children must stay off nursery for 7 to 10 days from appearance of rash.
- 3.11 Meningitis (bacteria) – Exclusion until recovered. Meningitis (viral) – Exclusion 7-10 days until recovered.
- 3.12 Mumps – Children must stay off nursery until the swelling has subsided and in no case less than 7 days from the onset of the illness.
- 3.13 Oral thrush – Children can attend nursery as long as treatment has been provided.
- 3.14 Poliomyelitis – Exclusion until declared free from infection by the appropriate public health official.
- 3.15 Plantar warts – no exclusion, these should be treated and covered whilst at nursery.
- 3.16 Ringworm of body – Children can attend nursery as long as treatment has been provided.
- 3.17 Scarlet fever - Children will need to stay away from nursery for at least 24 hours after first dose of antibiotic medicine.
- 3.18 Scabies – Once appropriate treatment is given children can attend nursery.

- 3.19 Slapped cheek – Once rash has appeared diagnosis is required and children can return to nursery.
- 3.20 Streptococcal – Exclusion until appropriate treatment has been given and in no less than 3 days from the start of treatment.
- 3.21 Tuberculosis – Exclusion until declared free from infection by the appropriate public health official.
- 3.22 Typhoid fever – Exclusion until declared free from infection by the appropriate public health official.
- 3.23 Whooping cough – Exclusion for 48 hours from the start of antibiotic treatment or 3 weeks after the coughing bouts started, whichever is sooner.

4. Organisation and Allocation of Responsibilities

- 4.1 It is the responsibility of the staff member speaking to the parent to ensure they know the exclusion period. They should also tell the manager so that they can ensure this is adhered to.

Limitations of this Policy

This policy cannot anticipate all eventualities therefore, professional judgement should be used to identify the appropriate course of action needed to protect those who are vulnerable and/or at risk. This judgement should derive from multi-disciplinary team discussion rather than any one individual where possible.

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