



ILLNESS POLICY

If a child becomes ill whilst in the care of Farthing wood Nursery, the following steps will be taken:

- Inform parent/ carer of the situation. If parents are not available then contacted the persons named on the Emergency contact list.
- Prescribed medication will be administered if relevant forms have been completed.
- Calpol will be administered (if required) with a medication form and the child will be observed for any signs of distress.
- Contact the parent /carer again if the child's condition does not improve, and advise that the child is taken home and a medical opinion sought.

ILLNESS WHICH MAY REQUIRE MINIMUM PERIODS OF EXCLUSION FROM NURSERY

Information is taken from the 'Guidance in infection control in schools and other childcare settings'.

DISEASE/ILLNESS	MINIMAL EXCLUSION PERIOD
Chicken Pox	Until spots have stopped weeping and scabs fallen off.
Cold sores	Until lesions are healed
Conjunctivitis	Until appropriate treatment has been started
Diarrhoea & Vomiting	48 hours from last episode of diarrhea or vomiting
Dysentery (shigella)	Until cleared. Doctor will advise.
Ear infection	Until appropriate treatment has been given. If ear weeping then until the weeping has stopped.
E-coli	After 2 consecutive negative stools specimens (at least 48 hours apart) Calderdale MBC will advise when the child can return to nursery.
German measles	5 days from onset of rash. Longer exclusions may apply.
Hand, foot & mouth (coxsackie virus)	Until skin lesions are healed

Head lice(Pediculosis)	Until live lice have gone.
Impetigo	Until lesions are healed
Influenza (flu)	Until fully recovered
Measles	5 days from onset of rash. Longer exclusions may apply
Meningitis	Until fully recovered. Advice will be taken from Environmental Health services.
Mumps	5 days from onset of swollen glands
Ringworm(Tinea)	Until treatment has been started
Salmonella	At least 48 hours after symptoms have stopped
Scabies	Until appropriate treatment has been given.
Scarlett fever	5 days from start of antibiotic treatment.
Temperature	Any child with a temperature will be sent home, (unless prescribed Calpol). The child may return to nursery once the temperature is back to normal, unless there are other symptoms included., therefore exclusion depends on the outcome of the symptoms
Tonsillitis	None, but would be advised to receive medical treatment. E.g. Antibiotics
Whooping Cough	5 days from start of antibiotic treatment or 21 days from inset if no treatment.

If you are unsure whether to send your child to nursery due to an illness they are suffering, please do not hesitate to seek advice from the nursery.

If a child has returned to nursery too soon following an illness that requires an exclusion period, and therefore still considered to be infectious, then they will be sent home until nursery staff feel their condition has improved, so as to reduce the risk of cross infection.

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