**Busy Bodies Child Care Centre Ltd**

**Child Illness, Exclusion for Illness or Communicable Disease**

Parents / carers are asked not to bring children in to the setting if they are suffering from any of the following:

* Sore throat
* High temperature
* Sickness, diarrhoea or gastric upset. (Children will not be allowed back into the setting until they have been cleared for at least 48 hours. This is dependant on the severity of the illness and the managers discretion).
* Any infectious disease

Children prescribed antibiotics will not be admitted to the setting for the first 48 hours of treatment.

Should a child become ill in the nursery they will be made to feel comfortable and the parent/carer will be notified and asked to collect their child.

Statutory recommendations of exclusion for infectious diseases will be observed. Please see board in staff toilet for up

Parent / carers are required to telephone the setting if their child will not be attending their session due to illness. We would appreciate when you telephone if you could tell us the name of your child and the reason why they are not attending.

Please telephone 01584 877654

**Head Lice**

Head lice are a problem that can sometimes occur in the setting and an information leaflet is available from the setting.

If you find head lice on your child please treat them and report it to a member of staff. A notice will be put on the front door window to inform other parents / carers to be aware that head lice is present in the setting.

**Minimum periods for exclusion from nursery**

Antibiotics - first 2 days at home

Temperature - if the child is sent home ill they must be kept away from the nursery for 24 hours.

Vomiting - the child should be kept away from nursery for 48 hours after the vomiting has stopped.

Conjuntivitus - the child should be kept away until it has been treated.

Diarrhea - the child should be kept away from the nursery for 48 hours after teh diarrhea has stopped.

Chickenpox - the child must be absent from nursery for a minimum of 7 days from the appearance of the rash.

Gastroenteritis, food poisoning, salmonella and dysentery - until authorised by your doctor.

Hand, Foot and Mouth -It is our policy that if a child has hand foot and mouth they should stay away from the setting for 5 – 7 days from the onset of the illness. It is important that they are well, have no temperature and the infection is almost gone before they return.

Infective hepatitis - the child must be absent for a minimum of 7 days from the onset of jaundice.

Measles - the child must be absent from the nursery for a minimum of 5 - 7 days from the onset of the rash.

Mumps - the child must be absent from the nursery until all swelling has gone, there is a minimum period of exclusion of 10 days.

Pertussis (whooping cough) - the child must be absent for a minimum of 21 days from the onset of cough.

Rubella (German measles) - the child must be absent from nursery for a minimum of 4 days from the appearance of the rash.

Shingles - the child must be absent from nursery for a minimum of 7 days from the appearance of the rash.

Scarlett Fever and streptoccal infection of throat - with appropriate medical treatment, minimum of 3 days from start of treatment.

Threadworm - excluded from nursery until treated.

Tonsilitis - must be kept away from nursery for a minimum of 48 hours after starting antibiotic.

Tuberculosis - until declared free from infection by doctor

Typhoid Fever - until declared free from infection by doctor.

Impetigo - must be kept away until the skin has completely healed

This policy and procedure will be reviewed annually.

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This policy has been read, understood and signed by all the staff.

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