

## **St Helen's Pre-school Illness/sickness policy**

We regret that we are unable to care for children who are unwell. Children who are unwell should not attend pre-school. Children who have an infection should not attend pre-school in order to reduce the risk to other children and adults. Exclusion times for more common infectious diseases can be found on the notice board in the entrance hall and also in the pre-school welcome pack. These follow the incubation and exclusion periods for common infectious diseases as laid down by South Gloucestershire Education Authority.

The exclusion time for vomiting and diarrhoea is 48 hours.

Parents are asked to inform the pre-school manager or deputy if their child has an infection, other parents can then be made aware of infections likely to affect their child.

Open wounds on children or adults should be covered with an appropriate dressing for the duration of the pre-school session.

Parents/carers are responsible for ensuring that pre-school staff are fully aware of known allergies and medical conditions affecting their child. This information should be conveyed to the Manager in writing. The manager and parent/carer will discuss the needs of the child and put into place an appropriate care plan in conjunction with the child's keyworker.

Medication is only administered in accordance with St Helen's Pre-school Medication Policy.

A first aid box is kept on the hatch between the main hall and the kitchen; this is checked and restocked regularly. A first aid kit is taken to all forest school sessions.

All information relating to children's illness/sickness remains confidential.

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