

Kirkley Nursery Illness and Medication Information



Child Sickness

In accordance with nursery policies children who are ill, have an infection or contagious disease, will be excluded from the nursery until fully recovered. This is in the best interests of the ill child and the other children in our care. Children who have suffered from any bouts of **sickness or diarrhoea** should have been free from symptoms for **48 hours** before returning. We would be grateful if you could notify us as soon as possible if your child is not coming into nursery as this enables us to continue with the day's activities as planned.

If your child is suffering from **high temperatures** or **fevers** over 38oC or 101oF they should not attend the setting until **24 hours** have passed and their temperature is back to normal.

We follow Public Health Agency's 'Guidance on infection control in schools and other childcare settings'.

https://www.publichealth.hscni.net/sites/default/files/Guidance_on_infection_control_in%20schools_poster.pdf

On the back of this sheet, you will find information about some of the common childhood conditions.

Medication

Your General Practitioner should prescribe all medicines; we cannot give your child medication unless it has a pharmacy label, which states your child's name, the name of the medication and the dose to be taken. We are not able to administer Calpol (Paracetamol) at parent's request but if your child becomes unwell at nursery with a high temperature, we will phone you for verbal permission to administer nursery Calpol whilst you're en route to collect your child. For children who are teething, we are happy to administer teething gel or powder.

For all medication we ask you to fill out the required medication forms.

Medical treatment - antibiotics

If your child is on short-term medical treatment such as antibiotics, we ask you to keep your child at home for **48 hours** after the first dose.

Immunisations

If your child has an immunisation injection, we ask that you keep your child at home for **24 hours** in case your child has a reaction to the injection. Please speak to a member of staff if you need any advice.

Asthma

For asthma medication we advise you to ask your GP for a second inhaler that can be kept at the setting.

Long-term medication

If your child requires long-term medication, a health care plan will need to be filled in with your child's key person. Please see our full policy for more information.