

## 17. Illnesses and Injuries Policy



At Play Station Nursery we aim to provide a healthy environment for the children within our care. We have a strict policy in the interests of the child and others that prevents any child who is unwell from attending nursery. If a child is unwell or becomes unwell whilst at nursery the parents/carers will be contacted so that they may collect their child.

Please see below for exclusion periods:

**ANTIBIOTICS:** Remain at home for 24 hours following initial dose.

**VACCINATIONS:** Remain at home for 24 hours after vaccination, this does not include the flu vaccine, children may come back in after their flu vaccine as long as they are well and have had no immediate side effects.

**CHICKEN POX:** Spots will need to be completely dry and clearly scabbed over before re-admittance to nursery.

**HAND, FOOT AND MOUTH:** The Health Protection Agency suggests that no exclusion period is necessary. However, some children and adults can become very unwell with cases varying from mild to extreme. Therefore, we retain the right to treat each case individually and you may be asked to keep your child at home depending on the severity of their case and number of cases. Hand foot and mouth is infectious and in situations where cases are spreading exponentially children will be asked to stay at home until blisters have healed.

**MOUTH THRUSH:** 24 hours non-attendance at nursery. Upon re-admittance it will be necessary to ensure their individual use of drinking cups, utensils, etc.

**CONJUNCTIVITIS:** Children are able to attend nursery, however for their own comfort we would recommend seeking a doctor's advice.

**MEASLES:** 4 days non-attendance at nursery from the onset of the rash.

**MUMPS:** As this illness remains infectious until 5 days after the muscle swelling has subsided children will be required to remain at home until this time.

**SICKNESS AND DIAHORREA:** Children will be required to remain at home until 48 hours has passed without an episode.

**HEADLICE:** If a child presents with live headlice, you will be contacted via telephone for you to make arrangements for treatment to commence as soon as possible. If children persistently present with live headlice after being advised to treat, then we will be forced to refuse entry to nursery until effective treatment has commenced.

(Please see '**Guidance on Infection Control in Schools and Other Childcare Settings**' for more information on attendance after illness and infections)

