



SICKNESS, ILLNESS AND MEDICATION POLICY

As we know some illnesses, infections and virus are contagious therefore there may come a time when your child will need to be away from the setting during this time to prevent the spread to others.

I understand that parents may need to go to work or unable to leave work, but it is my duty to prevent the spread of infection within my childcare setting on to all staff and children. Please be aware that for all sickness, illness, viruses and infections that your child has, he/she will be expected to be away from the setting for a minimum of 24 hours and seek medical advice for the correct number of isolation days. At Oakfield we ask for the isolation periods below:

- Bronchiolitis – Until wheezing stops
- Vomiting / diarrhea – 48 after the last bout
- Chickenpox – 5 days once scabs have crusted over.
- Conjunctivitis – 24 after drops have begun.
- Croup – Until the child is feeling better.
- Hand, foot & mouth – Until the child is feeling better and all scabs are crusted over.
- Impetigo – After 48 hours of treatment/all scabs are crusted over.
- Ringworm – After treatment has started.
- Scarlet fever – 5 days after start of antibiotics
- Whooping cough – 5 days after start of antibiotics
- Coronavirus – 7 days isolation if the child shows signs or symptoms.
- 14 days if been in contact with someone who has the virus or has symptoms.

If your child has a runny nose/cold or mild cough please keep them at home, I advise for them to be tested for coronavirus once you have received the results you will be required to show me proof.

I am happy to administer medication to your child if/when needed along with written consent to do so from you. If your child requires long term medication I would need written clarification from your child doctors, written permission from you the parent and you would need to fill in my setting medication form.

If your child/children were to become ill during their time with me, I will have to contact you to come or arrange for an alternative person to come and collect your child as I feel it may be better for your child to recover in their own environment. I also must think about the care and welfare of the other children during this time, as well as the ratio of staff to children if I must be on a 1:1 ratio with your poorly child.

If your child show signs and symptoms of coronavirus within my care, you will be contacted and asked to collect your child right away. During this time your child

will be in a room maybe on their own but will be regularly checked on until you have arrived or with a member of staff wearing PPE equipment.



I will inform all parents if other children or staff member within my setting has a contagious virus, infection, or illness.

In accordance with the contract agreed with you, I expect to be paid for the child's place even if they are away from my setting due to an illness.

If I am ill and unable to provide you with care, I will then contact you and you will not be expected to pay for the days that I do not provide my service.

Please let me know via phone call, email, or text message when your child is unwell with information on what the sickness maybe, when it started and if medication has been given.