

Children's sickness and illness policy

This policy has been devised to ensure that children who become unwell whilst at The Cottage nursery are treated with sensitivity and respect. It is also to help us protect other children and staff from illness and spread of infection.

Should a child become unwell during the nursery day, parents will be contacted and asked to collect their child as soon as possible.

The nursery reserves the right not to accept any child who is unwell into the nursery. This decision will be taken by the manager on duty and is non-negotiable.

It is unfair on the child to be here when they need to be with their parents/carers or having one to one attention. It is also unfair to the rest of the children/ staff who are here if they are knowingly in contact with illness or infection.

If a contagious infection is identified in the nursery, parents will be informed to enable them to spot the early signs of this illness. All equipment and resources that may have come in to contact with a contagious child will be cleaned and sterilised thoroughly to reduce the spread of infection.

Children with vomiting and diarrhoea are required to stay away from nursery, for a minimum of **48 hours** from the last bout of vomiting or diarrhoea.

If a child starts a course of anti-biotics, he/she should be kept away from nursery for a minimum of **24 hours**.

Children with a high temperature should be kept at home until they have been clear of a temperature for **24 hours**.

The nursery will follow the NHS guidelines for specific conditions that require exclusion eg Covid, Chicken pox etc

If you feel your child needs paracetamol or ibuprofen to help them through the day, then they should not be attending nursery. Full fees are still to be paid if your child is off nursery due to illness.

This policy was revised and reviewed on 12th November 2025

Signed on behalf of The Cottage Nursery

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