

## Tiny Town Nursery Illness and Communicable Disease Policy

In accordance with the Early Years Foundation Stage Safeguarding and Welfare requirements, Tiny Town Nursery has a strict exclusion policy for illness and communicable diseases as recommended by the Public Health England to ensure the safety of children, staff and visitors.

We reserve the right to refuse entry to a child who is displaying signs of illness.

If a child is unwell at nursery, parents/carers will be contacted and asked to collect them.

### **High Temperatures**

Any child, who has a raised temperature over 38C, and presents well in themselves whilst already in attendance, will have their parent/ carer contacted and asked if one dose (5ml) of Calpol can be administered. If Calpol is administered it must only be as a precautionary measure to reduce fever. If the child shows no signs of improvement after forty-five minutes, the parent/carer will be contacted and asked to collect the child. The child should be kept at home for 24 hours or until clear of any high temperature.

Any child, who has a raised temperature over 38C, and presents as unwell in themselves whilst already in attendance, will have their parent/ carer contacted and asked if one dose (5ml) of Calpol can be administered. If Calpol is administered it must only be as a precautionary measure to reduce fever, and the parent/carer will be asked to collect the child immediately. The child should be kept at home for 24 hours or until clear of any high temperature.

Any child, who has been administered one dose of Calpol at home due to a high temperature, will not be permitted into nursery. If the child has been administered one dose of Calpol for another reason, and presents well, they will be permitted into nursery. If the child then starts to run a temperature of 38C or over, and it has been over 4 hours since the child's last dose, they will have their parent/carer contacted and asked if one dose (5ml) of Calpol can be administered. If Calpol is administered it must only be as a precautionary measure to reduce fever, and the parent/carer will be asked to collect the child immediately. The child should be kept at home for 24 hours or until clear of any high temperature.

Any child, who has been administered more than one dose of Calpol at home, within the last 24 hours will not be permitted into nursery. The child should be kept at home for 24 hours or until clear of any high temperature.

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If in the event that we cannot contact the parent/carer and we are sure that the child has not had any Calpol within the last 4 hours, we will administer Calpol if deemed necessary by the most senior member of management, if it is felt that the child's health and well-being will deteriorate.

Temperatures will be measured with a head and ear thermometer.

If diarrhoea occurs at nursery twice or sickness (vomiting) occurs once, we will contact the parents and ask they are collected. Children with diarrhoea or sickness must be kept away from nursery for a minimum of 48 hours after the last incident. This is to prevent the spread of infection and reduce the risk to the staff dealing with the infected waste. This also applies to staff.

If a child shows signs of blood shot eyes, with discharge, will ask that they are seen by a doctor. If the child is diagnosed with Conjunctivitis, they must be kept away from nursery for 24 hours from the time of diagnosis. Please appreciate that this is a minimum exclusion period and each case will be looked at individually.

If a child has any spots on their hands, feet or in or around their mouth, we will ask that they are seen by a doctor. If a child is diagnosed with Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease, they must be kept away from nursery for at least 24 hours. The child may return to nursery once spots have stopped appearing and they are well in themselves. If a member of staff feels your child is not well enough to be in nursery, we reserve the right to refuse entry.

The nursery will inform Ofsted and Environmental Health, within 14 days, if there are two or more cases of food poisoning.

Ofsted (03001231231)
Warwick Environmental Health (01926 412498)

Please ensure you telephone the nursery before 10am to inform us if your child will not be attending that day.

Warwick Nursery 01926 408016

All rashes will be glass tested.

If a child has been seen by a medical professional and been deemed as fit to return to nursery before the exclusion period ends, then the parent/carer must give this in writing via one of our nursery forms.

### Reference

Guidance on Infection Control in Schools and Other Childcare Settings Document.

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The setting must fully understand the needs of any child with a long-term medical condition. If a child has a long tern medical condition, then parents must be asked to complete a health care plan with their key person to ensure we are meeting all the child's needs.

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