



FOREST ROW COMMUNITY PRE-SCHOOL **26 SICK CHILD POLICY AND PROCEDURE**

Parents are asked to keep their children at home if they have any infection, and to inform the pre-school as to the nature of the infection so the pre-school can alert other parents and make careful observations of any child who seems unwell.

Parents are asked not to bring into the pre-school any child who has been vomiting or had diarrhea until at least 48 hours has elapsed since the last attack. Children should also not be brought to the pre-school if they have a temperature or infectious disease.

Parents are asked to be considerate when returning children to the pre-school following a notable infectious disease, such as Chicken Pox, Mumps etc, and we request that the recommended isolation period is observed.

Parents will be notified by a sign in the cloakroom if there are any cases of infectious diseases such as Chicken Pox so they may be vigilant.

If a child becomes unwell during a session, we follow this procedure:

- Make careful observations on the child and comfort and reassure them.
- Contact the parent/carer as soon as possible.
- If no contact is available during the session, make the child comfortable and warm in the quiet Room on a beanbag or cushion and continue to monitor the child. A drink of water will be offered.
- The other children will be asked to be as quiet as possible and to “look after” the child.
- The Supervisor will continue to try and establish contact with parent/carer and other named contacts.
- One staff member will be responsible for keeping an eye on the child and monitor the illness.

We feel that this procedure is sufficient for most common illnesses until the parent/carer collects the child at the end of the session. If however the child seems very ill we would make no hesitation to phone for medical assistance such as a doctor or ambulance. Should this be the case a member of staff will escort the child at all times.

Emergency telephone: Pre-school 01342-825625

Parish office telephone: 01342-822661 - Office hours (10am-3pm Tue-Fri)

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