**Guidance for caring for a child and informing parents/carers**

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When assessing children, staff must take into account the usual condition/personality of the individual, their medical needs, and factors that may affect them (e.g. lack of sleep, teething, temperature of room, what they have eaten etc)

The nursery manager reserves the right to adjust the following guidelines at times of a particular outbreak of sickness.

 **Staff action**

* A child has a temperature of 38º Celsius + Monitor and record every 15 minutes while cooling the child by adjusting clothing, sips of water.
* A child has a temperature of 38º Celsius + for a period of 30 mins + Parent/carer will be called to advise them of the situation so that they can collect if they wish.
* A child has a temperature of 39º Celsius + Monitor and record every 10 minutes while cooling the child by adjusting clothing, sips of water.
* A child has a temperature of 39º Celsius + for a period of 30 mins + Parent/carer will be contacted to collect their child. The child will then be excluded for 24 hours
* A child has two very loose bowel movements in a 6 hour period Parent/carer will be called to advise them of the situation so that they can collect if they wish.
* A child has a third very loose bowel movements in a 8 hour period Parent/carer will be contacted to collect their child. The child will then be excluded for 48 hours
* A child vomits once for any reason Parent/carer will be called to advise them of the situation so that they can collect if they wish.
* A child vomits twice and it is suspected to be due to gastro problem. Parent/carer will be contacted to collect their child.
* The child will then be excluded for 48 hours
* A child has an unexplained rash. Parent/carer will be called to advise them of the situation so that they can collect/seek medical advice if they wish.
* A child shows symptoms of a recognisable sickness Parent/carer will be contacted to collect their child. The child will then be excluded for the appropriate time period.

**PERIODS OF EXCLUSION**

**CHICKEN POX**: Until spots have crusted over

**GERMAN MEASLES/RUBELLA AND MEASLES**: Minimum of 6 days after rash appears.

**HEAD LICE:** Until treatment has commenced.

**IMPETIGO**: Until spots have crusted over.

**MUMPS**: For 5 days after the swelling first appears.

**RINGWORM or THREADWORM**: Until treatment has commenced, affected area must be covered.

**SCARLET FEVER**: For at least 48 hours once antibiotics have been started.

**DIARRHOEA/VOMITING**: If due to (or suspected) Gastro bugs (i.e., not travel sickness or allergy related), 48 hours after the last episode.

**HIGH TEMPERATURE**: Until temperature is normal and the child is well for 24 hours

If you have any concerns regarding this policy please discuss them with the manager.