



Registered Charity No 1035670

Beckley Preschool Policy on Sickness

Our policy for the exclusion of ill or infectious children is discussed with parents. This includes procedures for contacting parents - or other authorised adults - if a child becomes ill while in the setting.

We do not provide care for children who are unwell, have a temperature, sickness and diarrhoea, or who have an infectious disease. Children must be clear of symptoms for at **least 48 hours** before attending pre-school.

Children of Nursery staff or volunteers who are unwell are not allowed to accompany their parents to work.

The manager/deputy manager in charge on the day makes the final decision on whether they feel the child is well enough to attend preschool.

Procedures for children who are sick or infectious

- If children appear unwell during the day, has a temperature, sickness, diarrhoea or pains, particularly in the head or stomach – the Manager or deputy calls the parents and asks them to collect the child, or send a known carer to collect on their behalf.
- If a child has a temperature, they are kept cool, by removing top clothing, sponging their heads with cool water, but kept away from draughts.
- Temperature is taken using a 'fever scan' or head thermometer kept near to the first aid box.
- In extreme cases of emergency the child should be taken to the nearest hospital and the parent informed.
- Parents are asked to take their child to the doctor before returning them to nursery; the nursery can refuse admittance to children who have a temperature, sickness and diarrhoea or a contagious infection or disease.
- Where medication has been prescribed it is advised that the parent keeps the child at home for the first 48 hours, especially if the child has not had a medication before, to ensure no adverse effect as well as to give time for the medication to take effect.
- The setting has a list of excludable diseases and current exclusion times. The full list is obtainable from www.patient.co.uk and includes common childhood illnesses such as measles.

The table shows guidelines on how long your child should be kept at home after a common illness:

Sickness & Diarrhoea	A child should be kept off school for 48 hours from the last bout of sickness or diarrhoea.
Conjunctivitis	Once treatment has started and there is no weeping/stickiness on the eyes.
Chickenpox	When the last spot has dried up (minimum of 1 week)
High Temperature	Do not send your child in with a high fever even after administering medication like calpol. If Your child requires calpol they should not be at pre-school.
Head lice	Please ensure your child has been treated and has no live lice.
Impetigo	48 hours after treatment starts and no weeping is present.

Staff showing signs of an infectious disease are sent home, and emergency adult cover is called upon to ensure the staff/child ratio is correct.

Parents/Carers must inform us if their child is absent via phone or email and that the child has an infectious disease.

At the end of the session, Parents/Carers are notified if there has been a case of an infectious illness, e.g chicken pox etc in the setting. No personal information about which child is involved will be given out.

This policy was adopted by the Management Committee of Beckley Preschool on 17th March 2026

Signed on behalf of the management committee:

Name of signatory:

Role of signatory:

Date: