

### **SICKNESS POLICY**

- 1) Stomach Infections – are very contagious in a nursery so parents are urged to keep their child away from school for at least 48 hours to minimise the spread to other children
  
- 2) Parents are to inform the school if their child has had any of the major infectious diseases and the school will notify the parents if there is an outbreak at the school and will inform parents as to any action to be taken. See also Guidance on infection control in schools and other childcare settings'. This details action to take when notifying 'Infectious Diseases or Food Poisoning' and 'guidelines for notification'. Manager to call the 'Health Protection Unit' - 0845 055 2022.  
Email – [hiowhpu@hpa.org.uk](mailto:hiowhpu@hpa.org.uk)
  
- 3) Any sickness is reported to the Manager, deputy or group leader so they can decide on the appropriate course of action. Infections of any kind will be monitored.
  
- 4) Any child who is unwell is given individual attention by a member of staff familiar to the child; is comforted; temperature checked and made as comfortable as possible until a parent is able to collect. Details will be recorded such as symptoms, temperature, time parent was contacted and when the child is collected.
  
- 5) If infectious the child is kept away from the other children as far as possible until the child is collected.
  
- 6) Parents are notified of the child's illness so they can make a doctors appointment, if necessary, or to collect the child to take home. We request that parents contact the nursery with outcome if they visit the doctors.
  
- 7) To lessen the spread of infection toilets are cleaned thoroughly and regularly twice a day and are disinfected throughout the day. As are potties after every use.
  
- 8) Children are supervised in the toilet to ensure they wash their hands and develop good hygiene habits.
  
- 9) Drinking cups are sterilised or washed on a high temperature in the dishwasher after use.
  
- 10) We disinfect equipment regularly and change play dough and sand frequently.