



Preschool and Daycare

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Building Blocks Preschool and Daycare: Sickness and Absence policy

BB preschool and daycare follows the guidance on infection and illness set out by the Department of Health and we follow their guidelines on the recommended times that children should be kept away from the setting. A copy is available on request, there is a copy displayed on the setting's notice board and there are copies in the parent information pockets.

Prior to starting preschool nursery, parents must inform staff of any medical history, allergies or medical conditions. This will enable staff to be aware of any special requirements or routines a child may have.

It is the responsibility of parents/carers to inform nursery staff if their child has been unwell during an evening or weekend. That will allow staff and management to decide whether the child should attend setting.

Illness during the nursery day

If a child becomes unwell while in the care of BB; staff will immediately contact the Parents/carers using the telephone numbers given to us at the time of registration. It is very important that parents inform the setting of any change of contact details, especially mobile telephone numbers. Parents/carers who work outside the home should also give a landline number at their place of work in case their mobile phones are switched off.

If your child is vomiting or has diarrhea then you will be contacted to collect your child and they will not be allowed to return to Nursery until they have been clear from the symptoms for 48 hours after the last episode of Diarrhea. A child is considered to have Diarrhea if they have more than 3 episodes of runny or very loose stools in the same day.

If you are aware that your child has contracted any infectious disease then you must inform the setting and your child will not be allowed to attend the setting until the incubation period has elapsed.

If your child develops a temperature that exceeds 38 degrees centigrade you will be asked for permission to administer calpol for the child. You will detail how much

dosage to give and this will be witnessed by a second member of staff. If the temperature does not start to decrease within thirty minutes or returns above 38degrees in the same day then you will be asked to collect your child from the nursery. Children who are relying on Calpol to keep their temperatures down should remain at home.

Prescribed treatment

If your child is prescribed antibiotics she/he should remain at home for a minimum of 48 hours after starting the course.