



The Granary Nursery School
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Action for a sick child

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When a child arrives with his/her parent/carer at nursery, the informal greetings can sometimes reveal if a child has recently been poorly. In this event, please check contact number(s) for the time at which the child is at nursery.

The following is a guideline if a child should become ill during a nursery session. Obviously, it is recognized that each situation is different and staff should use their own initiative in making the right decision for the child.

As a general rule, if a child is obviously unwell or not their usual self, contact the parents/carer to arrange to go home. Parents are encouraged to keep their child(ren) at home for 48 hours minimum following symptoms of sickness or high temperature.

Sickness/diarrhoea

Isolate the child if possible, make comfortable and reassure. Ring parents or a contact. Child to go home.

Coughs/colds

If generally feeling well and usual self, no action needs to be taken, but the child should be monitored. If a child complains of ear ache or is wheezy and is obviously not well, make arrangements to send home.

Temperature

If a child feels hot/shivery and is generally not him/herself, make arrangements to send home.

Rashes/spots

If an infectious illness is suspected i.e. Chicken Pox, the child should be sent home. If a case of Impetigo is suspected, communicate with the parents/carers to inform of suspicions and cover with plaster if necessary.



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Conjunctivitis

If conjunctivitis is suspected, communicate with the parents/carers to inform of suspicions and advise to treat appropriately / seek medical attention. The child may return to nursery once treatment has commenced.

Head Lice

If detected at Nursery, parents should be informed and encouraged to treat. Following an outbreak of head lice, letters will be sent home to parents informing them, along with advice on how to treat.

Action following an incident

Treat child as necessary. Complete Accident Book accurately, monitor the child and contact parents/carer or doctors/ambulance as necessary. Parent/carer to sign the Accident Book and also a Head Injury Form if appropriate.

Medicines

These can be administered if prescribed by a Doctor, providing a consent form has been completed by the parent/carer.