**SICKNESS POLICY**

This Baby Bears Day Care policy is to provide a stimulating caring and safe environment for each individual child. Therefore, if a child who is ill and is contagious to other children they will be excluded from the nursery until they recover. We are obligated to ensure the Health and Safety of the children that use the nursery and our employees.

Children should not be brought to nursery if they are known to be unwell. The nursery has the right to exclude children with infections.  If your child is suffering from vomiting and/or diarrhoea, they will not be allowed to return to the nursery until 48 hours has passed since the last bout.

If a child appears unwell when they enter the nursery the parents/carers will be asked to take them to the doctors to ensure that they are not contagious. If the doctor confirms that the child is fit and well enough to return to nursery they can do so. If your child needs to have medicine administered, a consent form must be filled in and signed. The nursery cannot administer any medicine that has not been prescribed by a doctor, this medicine needs to be clearly labelled with the child’s full name and the date that it was administered. Nursery practitioners who are level 3 qualified will then be able to administer it when required. If a child has been prescribed antibiotics, they must remain out of the nursery until 24 hours after the first dose is administered. Children who suffer from asthma must bring inhalers clearly labelled with their name and a Health Care plan in place for administering it.

Parents will be contacted immediately if their Child becomes unwell whilst at nursery. If your child is sick or has a bout of diarrhoea and/or vomiting they will be taken into a separate area and looked after by a member of staff, to reduce the risk of any illness spreading to other children. If your child has a temperature of 38c we will call you to request that you come and collect your child. Practitioners will continue to monitor your child’s temperature until they are collected. If your child has a serious accident, you will be contacted immediately, and the nursery will seek emergency medical advice. Any minor accidents will be recorded on an accident form and the parent/carer will be required to examine the accident form on their child’s Tapestry, a photocopy of the form can be given if requested when the child is collected.

All parents are informed of any infectious diseases that any children may have within the nursery by a notice going up on the entrance door and on the Tapestry Newsletter. Also, if a serious disease is diagnosed we will inform Public Health England.

For current guidance on infection control please visit <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/public-health-england>

Baby Bears follow the exclusion table below:

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| **Disease** | **Period of Exclusion** |
| Antibiotics prescribed | First 24 hours (unless discussed with manager) |
| Child immunizations | First 24 hours (unless discussed with manager) |
| Chicken Pox | Until all spots have crusted over |
| Conjunctivitis | The child must have a first dose of medication before returning to nursery |
| Diarrhoea/sickness | 48 hours from last bout |
| Diphtheria | Exclusion is essential. Always consult with a Doctor |
| Flu | Until recovered |
| Gastro-enteritis, food poisoning, salmonella and dysentery | 48 hours from last bout |
| Glandular Fever | Until recovered |
| Hand, Foot & Mouth disease | Until spots have dried out |
| Hepatitis A | 7 days from onset of jaundice or 7 days from symptoms onset if no jaundice |
| Hepatitis B | None |
| High Temperature | Until temperature is back to normal and child is well |
| Impetigo | Until lesions have crusted and healed or 48 hours after starting antibiotics. |
| Measles | 7-10 days after symptoms appear |
| Meningitis C and other bacterial forms | Until fully recovered |
| Meningitis (Viral) | Until fully recovered |
| Mumps | 5 days from onset of symptoms |
| Pediculosis (Lice) | Until treatment has been given |
| Pertussis (Whooping cough) | 48 hour from commencing antibiotic treatment or 21 days from onset of illness if no antibiotic treatment. |
| Ringworm | Child can return after starting treatment |
| Rubella (German Measles) | 1 week after symptoms start and when child has recovered |
| Scabies and streptococcal infection of the throat | 24 hours after first treatment has been administered |
| Scarlet fever | 24 hours after starting antibiotic treatment |
| Shingles | Exclude only if rash is weeping and cannot be covered |
| Threadworm (Pinworm) | Child can return after treatment has been given |
| Tuberculosis, Typhoid fever | Until declared free from infection by a doctor |
| Warts (including Verrucae) | Exclusion not necessary. Sufferer should keep feet/area covered |
| Covid-19 / Coronavirus –  Main symptoms are – High Temperature  A new/continuous cough (this means coughing a lot) for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours.  Loss or change to smell or taste. | Minimum of 3 days isolation period and symptom free (Public Health England advice).  If children have a temperature we ask that they return when it has gone and they are well. |