

Farrow Fields Childcare

Infection control statement

Linked Policies:

- Sickness and Illness Policy

It is important to control the spread of infection in childcare settings for the interests of children and staff. To do so we enforce the following exclusion times.

Administering prescription medication –

Parents are to email Victoria Madden on info@farrowfieldschildcare.co.uk with dosage and times to be administered. Medication will be stored as per instructions and only administered with the child's details written on the label.

Common cold/tonsillitis – Management discretion applied to each individual case.

Diarrhoea and /or vomiting, gastroenteritis or food poisoning – clear of all symptoms for 48 hours since last loose stool or vomit in all children under 8 years. Children older than 8 years managerial discretion around the child's ability to follow strict hygiene rules.

Conjunctivitis – Child can attend once non-productive and being treated with Chloramphenicol eye drops.

Chicken Pox- 5 days after the onset of blisters and the child is well enough in themselves to attend, and the blisters have crusted over and become dry.

Whooping cough- 5 days from the commencement of antibiotic treatment, or 21 days from onset if no antibiotics are taken.

German measles- 5 days from the onset of the rash.

Hand foot and mouth- Children can attend if their general health is normal. This is at the manager's discretion. No pain relief should be given before attending the setting, so their general condition is clear to staff.

Mumps- 5 days from the onset of swollen glands.

Impetigo- 48 hours after antibiotic treatment is commenced.

Scarlet fever- 48 hours after antibiotic treatment is commenced.

Broken bones- we request that parents keep their child at home for 48 hours after returning from hospital to allow for swelling to reduce, plaster cast to set properly and child to get used to weight and movement abilities with the cast on.

The above list is not exhaustive, the manager will look at additional conditions as and when they arrive consulting Public Health England and NHS guidelines where necessary.