



Buckden Preschool Playgroup

A place for children to grow, to learn and to flourish.

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Sickness and Infection Policy- Children

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Aims and Objectives

It is our aim to provide a safe and healthy environment for both children and adults at Preschool. We ask parents to co-operate with the exclusion rules for illness and infectious diseases, set out below. These rules are designed to ensure that children do not attend Preschool while they may still be infectious. Moreover, if children are suffering with a heavy cold or cough, lack of sleep, or are generally under the weather, Preschool may not be the best environment for them.

Exclusion rules

Parents/carers must advise Preschool if a child has taken any medication either prescribed or purchased over the counter before coming into Preschool. Please note children will not be admitted if they have been given paracetamol or Ibuprofen less than 12 hours prior to arriving at the setting.

Diarrhoea/Vomiting	Please do not bring your child to Preschool until a full 48 hours have elapsed since the last episode of diarrhoea or vomiting.
Temperature	Children should be kept off Preschool for 24 hours after temperature has returned to normal without the use of Calpol or other similar medications.
Conjunctivitis	At Preschool we ask that children should not attend until treatment has been initiated.
Impetigo	Children should be kept off Preschool until the skin is healed or 48 hours after commencing antibiotic treatment.
Head lice/ Worms	If head lice or worms are discovered, treatment should be administered before the child returns to Preschool. Your pharmacist can advise upon the treatment currently recommended.
Hand Foot and mouth	Children are safe to return to Preschool as soon as they are feeling better, there is no need to stay off until the blisters have all healed. Keeping your child off for longer periods is unlikely to stop the illness spreading. Exclusion of a well pupil is not required.
Covid 19	We continue to follow the most up to date Government advice.
Antibiotics	If your child is taking antibiotics, they must be kept off Preschool for the first 48 hours, to ensure there is no reaction.
Absences	If your child is going to be absent from Preschool. Please let us know in advance if possible.

Please refer to

https://www.publichealth.hscni.net/sites/default/files/Guidance_on_infection_control_in%20schools_poster.pdf for further guidance on any infections not listed above

Signed on behalf of the
Management Committee / Proprietor: *H. Lumb*
Chair

Dated: *March 2022*