



## Illness & Sickness Policy

It is our policy to keep children safe when they are at the Tithe Barn Preschool, promote good health and take necessary steps to prevent the spread of infection within the setting.

We are willing to care for children with minor coughs and colds but will not be able to care for children who are very unwell, infectious or running a high temperature, as we must consider the welfare of all the children in our care.

All children in our setting who are excluded due to having an illness or an infectious disease, such as severe cold or stomach upset, will not be allowed to return until they have been free from the illness for **48hours**.

This is in order to minimise the risk of transmission of an infection to other children or members of staff.

If your child becomes ill whilst at Preschool, we will contact you immediately and make them as comfortable as possible until you arrive.

If we believe a child in the setting is suffering from a notifiable disease identified as such as in the Public Health (Infectious Diseases) Regulations 1988, we will act on advice given by the Health Protection Agency and inform Ofsted of any action taken.

### Common Illnesses

**COVID** – Please stay at home if you child has a **high temperature** or is **too poorly to attend** preschool

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/coronavirus-in-children>

**Diarrhoea and Vomiting** – Do not return to preschool until **48hours of last episode** of D&V

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/diarrhoea-and-vomiting>

**Chicken Pox** – Please stay at home until **all the spots have formed a scab** (usually 5 days after the spots appear)

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/chickenpox>

**Scarlet Fever** – Please stay at home until **24 hours after your first dose of antibiotics**

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/scarlet-fever>

**Impetigo** – Do not return to preschool until after **48 hours of prescribed medicine** from the GP or until **all the patches dry out and crust over**

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/impetigo>

**Conjunctivitis** – The child does not need to stay away from preschool unless the child feels unwell or is uncomfortable

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/conjunctivitis>

**Hand, Foot and Mouth** – Please stay at home while your child **feels unwell**. You do not need to wait for all the blisters to heal.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/hand-foot-mouth-disease>

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