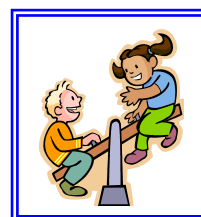




St Paulinus Pre-School

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Ill and Infectious Child Policy

Aim

St Paulinus aim to provide a healthy and safe environment for all children and staff

Policy

We can not accept any child who is unwell or has an infectious illness.

Procedure – Control of illness

There may be occasions when a child is not so ill to require medical care but pre school would not be suitable. If a child arrives at pre school and the manager does not consider a child well enough to attend, the parent/carer will be advised accordingly. We will make every effort to stop the spread of infection within pre school but can only do this with the co-operation of parents/carers.

Here is a list of common childhood illnesses that are infectious and the recommended exclusion period.

ILLNESS

KEEP YOUR CHILD OFF PRE SCHOOL UNTIL

Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started

Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

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Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek
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If a child becomes unwell during the session, we will make them comfortable in a quiet place, observe and call the parents to discuss if they need collecting. The child will not be left alone. Depending on the illness will depend on how long the child will need to remain off of pre school.

Ongoing medical needs

For chronic illnesses e.g. asthma or children with special medical needs, we will administer any medication as necessary. A record will be kept and signed by parents at the end of each session.

Serious Illness

If a child should fall seriously ill within pre school, we will seek immediate medical attention by calling 999 and then the parents/carer.

COVID -19

Anyone who begins to show signs of COVID-19 whilst in pre school – a raised temperature (37.5 or higher), a new persistent cough, anosmia (loss of taste and smell) or aching limbs will be sent home immediately and advised to follow government guidelines.

www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance