

ILLNESS POLICY

It is the policy of our childcare service to promote a healthy lifestyle through prevention of illness and establishing healthy eating patterns. It is our policy to comply with current regulations including the Child Care (Pre-School Services) Regulations 1996, the Food Hygiene Regulations and any subsequent amendments.

Illness

In any instance of illness it is the Centres obligation to ensure the wellbeing of **ALL** children availing of the service.

- Parents are asked to keep their child at home if they have any infection, and to inform the Centre as to the nature of the infection. This will allow the Centre to alert other parents as necessary and to make careful observations of any child that seems unwell
- Children prescribed antibiotics to treat an infection should remain at home for at least 48 hours to support them with their recovery returning only when they are well enough to participate in a normal nursery day. Children who are regularly being prescribed antibiotics to deal with an ongoing medical problem may be allowed to attend during the first 48 hours at the discretion of the manager.
- If a child with an infection is in attendance Greenfields will contact their parent and request that they be brought home. This is to ensure the wellbeing of the sick child as well as all of the other children.
- If a child attending the service has a contagious or infectious disease, all parents will be informed.
- If your child has been ill overnight it is advised that s/he should not attend the centre.
- Children who have suffered a bout of vomiting and diarrhoea must not return to the centre until they are eating a reasonable diet and have been symptom free for at least 24 hours. Parents/Guardians will be asked to remove children with an isolated incident of sickness and / or diarrhoea from the centre but with the agreement of the management may be able to return to centre the following day when circumstances have been considered.

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- Children with conjunctivitis should be excluded for a minimum of 24 hours during which time they should have received adequate treatment.
- If your child has attended a doctor and is on prescribed medication, we must receive a doctor's letter stating when your child will be well enough to attend.
- No medication will be administered to your children by Centre staff. This includes Calpol and Paralink. Parents are invited to administer the medication themselves and are free to call to the service at any time to do so (exceptions will be made with regards asthma sufferers, epilepsy etc.)
- If the children of the Centre's staff are unwell they will not accompany them to work.

This Policy was adopted by a meeting of Greenfield's Childcare Centre held on: _____

Signed on behalf of Greenfield's Childcare Centre: _____