



Nursery School and Extended Services

SICK CHILD POLICY

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At Lanterns we promote good attendance. However we ask that you keep your child at home if:

- Your child is nauseous, vomiting or has diarrhoea. Wait 48 hours after the symptoms have stopped before returning your child to the nursery.
- Your child is running a fever of 38 degrees C or more. Your child may return once the temperature returns to normal and if they are well enough to attend and cope with the usual demands of a nursery school day.
- Your child has a thick green or yellow nasal discharge combined with cough or fever for more than 3 or 4 days. This usually is a sign of medical infection and needs medical treatment.
- Your child has a generalized rash (involving more than one part of the body). Rashes are difficult to identify and should be checked by your child's doctor.

If your child becomes ill whilst at nursery you will be contacted and expected to collect him/her as soon as possible. In the event that we cannot contact you then we will notify the emergency contact and ask them to pick your child up from nursery.

We are only able to give **prescribed** medicines to your child. Please ensure you have completed the necessary permission forms before leaving any medicines. (Please refer to the administration of medicines policy)

We may be able to offer you advice regarding your child's return to nursery following common infectious illnesses, e.g. chicken pox, mumps, german measles, impetigo, using the Guidance Infection Control in Schools.

Please inform us as soon as possible if your child will be absent due to illness.

In an emergency, if your child becomes seriously ill whilst at Lanterns Nursery School, we would contact you and call an ambulance. A member of staff would accompany your child in the ambulance if you are unable to get to school immediately. If, on arrival at hospital you are unable to be there or are delayed the member of Lanterns staff will hand responsibility for treatment to the Health Care Professional, whilst remaining with your child for emotional support.

Please remember to update us with your contact number.

Reference: Guidance Document Infection Control in schools

https://www.publichealth.hscni.net/sites/default/files/Guidance_on_infection_control_in%20schools_poster.pdf