



**Policy Document 12 – Exclusion Policy for Childhood**

01	Staff cannot undertake the care of sick children, in particular those with infectious diseases, diarrhoea, vomiting and high temperatures. It is not acceptable for staff or other children to be exposed to these conditions unnecessarily.
02	Unwell children need to be at home with their parents/carers. Staff and other children are vulnerable and do contract illnesses from the children they come into contact with. The Wincanton Early Years Centre reserve the right to refuse admittance to any child who appears unwell on arrival.
03	If a child falls ill during their time at The Wincanton Early Years Centre staff cannot administer pain relief without both the written and, on the day of illness, the verbal permission of a parent/carer. A parent/carer or other designated adult will be contacted to seek this permission should we feel a child is in need of pain relief and they will be given a summary of the child’s symptoms.
04	The child’s condition will then be monitored for the next hour. If there is no improvement the designated person will be contacted again and asked to collect the child as soon as possible.
05	For conditions such as diarrhoea, vomiting or suspected infectious disease the one hour monitoring period does not apply. Parents/carers will be contacted and asked to collect their child immediately.
06	If the manager or a team leader feel a child is in need of immediate medical attention they will be taken to the appropriate facility by ambulance or staff transport. Parents/carers will be kept informed at all stages of this process and special permission sought prior to any treatment being given. A member of staff will remain with the child at all times.
07	The policy for the administration of prescribed medicines can be seen in the document Policy 06 Medication Policy.
08	The advice of the local authority and other government organisations will be applied regarding specific illnesses and their management (e.g. COVID-19).
	The table below shows a list of illnesses and the minimum period that a child is to be kept away from The Wincanton Early Years Centre.

	<b>Illness</b>	<b>Minimum exclusion period</b>
01	Chicken Pox	7 days from the onset of the rash. It is necessary to wait until all spots have healed or scabbed.
02	German Measles	5 days from the onset of the rash. The child is infectious before the diagnosis is made & most children should be immune due to immunizations.
03	Hand, Foot & Mouth	5 days after diagnosis made by the GP.
04	Impetigo	Until lesions are healed. Antibiotic treatment is necessary.
05	Measles	5 days from the onset of the rash
06	Ringworm	3 days after treatment has been initiated. Anti fungal treatment by GP is necessary.
07	Scabies	Until effectively treated by GP
08	Scarlet Fever	5 days from the commencement of antibiotics.
09	Diarrhoea and/or vomiting (with or without a specified diagnosis)	Until all symptoms are clear for at least 48 hours.
10	Conjunctivitis	Until treated with medication by GP (bacterial) or eyes are completely clear.
11	Mumps	5 days from the onset of swollen glands. The child is the most infectious before the diagnosis is made.
12	Threadworms	Until effectively treated by GP.
13	Headlice	Until treatment has begun.
14	Other illnesses	The exclusion period will depend on the illness and guidance from the GP/local authority.

**NB: All government advice regarding the control of the COVID-19 virus will be followed. This is a fluid situation and is open to change.**

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