

### 36 ILLNESS/SICK CHILD POLICY

Parents/carers will be asked to keep their children at home if they are unwell, and to inform the nursery school as to the nature of the illness so that other parents can be alerted as necessary.

Parents will be asked not to bring to the nursery school any child who has been vomiting or had diarrhoea until at least 48 hours has elapsed since the last attack.

Staff should not attend the pre-school if they are unwell.

If a child is on prescribed medication the Medicine Policy will be followed.

If a child is taken ill during the session they will be made comfortable and the parent/carer contacted to take them home.

#### **COVID-19 update: WHAT TO DO IF EITHER A CHILD OR ADULT DEVELOPS SIGNS OF COVID-19 WHILE AT THE SETTING:**

If anyone develops a new, continuous cough, a high temperature or a lack of taste or smell in the setting, they must be sent home and advised to follow the COVID-19: guidance for households.

Children: If a child is awaiting collection, they will be taken to the Committee Room where they can be isolated, with supervision from one of the members of staff. PPE will be worn by staff caring for the child while they await collection if a distance of 2 metres cannot be maintained.

If the child needs to go to the bathroom while waiting to be collected, the toilets by the main entrance will be used (accessed from outside).

The bathroom will be cleaned and disinfected using standard cleaning products before it can be used by anyone else, as per PHE guidelines (see Cleaning Policy)

If a member of staff has helped someone who was unwell with a new, continuous cough, a high temperature, or lack of smell or taste, they do not need to go home unless they develop symptoms themselves or there are subsequently positive test results. They must then follow self-isolation.

The member of staff should wash their hands thoroughly for 20 seconds after any contact with someone who is unwell.

Cleaning the affected area with normal household disinfectant after someone with symptoms has left will reduce the risk of passing the infection on to other people.

Staff: If a member of staff develops COVID- symptoms, they must go straight home.

PLEASE REFER TO NHS

ALSO MVNS GUIDELINES ON WHAT TO DO NEXT