

Willow tree pre school: October 2023

Illness and medication

We appreciate that if you are a working parent you need to be able to go to work, however if your child is unwell they must stay at home. We will care for children with minor cough and colds, but not poorly children who are unwell, infectious or running a high temperature. We need to consider the welfare of the child, the other children in our care and the staff in our setting.

If your child has sickness or diarrhoea they must not return to pre school until they have 48 hours clear.

If a child has just diarrhoea, they must remain absent until they have 24 hours clear.

If a child becomes poorly whilst in our care, we will call you to collect your child.

We will inform parents of any infectious illnesses that break out from time to time. That could affect your children or family.

If children have mild symptoms; runny nose, mild cough/cold and feel well, they can come to pre school.

The most common contagious illnesses that require exclusion until clear from infection are:

Chicken pox: a very contagious infection that causes an itchy, spotty Rash, anywhere on the body. Cooling creams, antihistamines and paracetamol are treatments used.

Measles: a very contagious infection caused by a virus. Usually gets better on its own but some people can be very poorly.

Hand, foot and mouth: a common infection that causes mouth ulcers plus spots and blisters on the hands and feet. Painrelief medicine and mouth ulcer gels may help.

Impetigo: a highly infectious skin infection that often starts with sores and blisters that burst and leave crusty, golden-brown patches. Often treated with antibiotics.

(all the above four illnesses, can return once well and spots have scabbed over)

Scarlet fever: a contagious bacterial infection that causes flu-like symptoms and a rash that feels rough. Treated with antibiotics. Can return once well and rash is not angry.

Conjunctivitis: red and sore/itchy eyes, yellow gunk may form. Can return once eyes clear of yellow gunk and had 24 hours of drops. You can usually get drops from the pharmacy. Antibiotics are only given if its caused by bacteria, but this infection usually clears on its own washing eyes with clean water.

Norovirus: vomiting disease, very contagious. (follow sickness/diarrhoea as above)

Strep A; bacterial infection, commonly found on the skin or in the throat. Treated with antibiotics, some cases if severe need medical treatment.

COVID: infectious disease

If your child has COVID symptoms they should stay home; a high temperature and not seeming well enough to attend pre school. Most people will recover from this within a few days, but in some cases people can become very poorly and need medical treatment.

If your child tests positive for COVID please keep your child home for 3 days after the positive test.

Staff should remain absent for 5 days.

If a child has headlice, this must be treated immediately, and not return to pre school until treated, clear of live lice.

Medication:

If children have been prescribed antibiotics, they may return to pre school once they have been taking the medication for at least 24 hours, providing they are well.

We will only administrate prescribed medication, with a signed consent form.

We promote good hygiene within the setting to help prevent spread of infection.

Please note that our procedures may differ to doctors advice or the NHS.

Fee's will not be refunded if a child is absent from pre school for any reason including illness and holidays.