



Exclusion due to illness Policy

1. Parents are expected to collect their child without delay if he/she is ill.
2. Children (and staff) with diarrhoea, vomiting, fever and/or undiagnosed skin rash should never remain at the centre (except for the time it takes the parents to collect the child).
 - Diarrhoea or loose stools present a particular risk, as even if the cause is not an infectious disease, it makes it difficult to maintain normal hygiene. Even micro-organisms (germs) normally present in the gut can cause health problems if consumed (e.g. passed into the mouth by contaminated hands or objects).
3. While an ill child is waiting for parents to collect them from the centre, they will be made comfortable and kept isolated from the other children and staff, a staff member will remain with that child at all times.
4. To minimise the risk, this staff member must not be involved in food preparation.
5. In general, if children experience vomiting and/or diarrhoea they should not attend the centre until 24 hours after all symptoms have stopped.
6. Children and staff who are unwell should otherwise be excluded as per medical advice or current Public Health Service recommendations.
7. If in doubt, refer to Infectious Disease Chart.

Isolation Area

1. A well ventilated, warm, quiet area where sick babies and children can be cared for away from the other children.
2. Separated from all food preparation and sleeping areas.
3. Sleeping facilities appropriate to the ages of children enrolled need to be available (including a cot/bed/stretchers/nursing chair fitted with a waterproof cover, and clean bedding and linen).

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