



Health, Illness and Emergency Policy

It is our policy at Baby Duck's to encourage and promote good health and hygiene for all the children in our care. This includes monitoring the children for signs and symptoms of communicable diseases.

With the welfare of the sick child in mind and the interests of the remaining children in the setting, parents will be contacted to collect their child when, in the staff's professional opinion, the child is too unwell to remain in the playgroup, or there is a risk of infection to others. The child will be comforted by their key person until the parents arrive.

Parents are issued with guidelines for periods of exclusion as recommended by the Department of Health and in consultation with the Local Health Authority. Particular reference is made to sickness and diarrhoea and the importance of containing the spread of infection. Once a communicable disease is suspected or has been diagnosed, other parents are informed by way of notices posted in the setting. These guidelines will be available for parents to see on our website and updated on a regular basis.

The staff of Baby Duck's must be satisfied that the child has returned to full health before re-admitting them to the setting.

In the case of a serious accident or illness occurring at the setting, the parent/carer will be contacted immediately together with the appropriate medical professional and the necessary action taken. In the unlikely event of the parent not being available the most senior member of staff on duty and the child's key person will assume charge and if necessary take the child to hospital along with all relevant details.

Accidents will be reviewed on a regular basis and discussed at staff meetings.