

Poppets Pre-School

Sick child Policy

Poppets Pre-School will do all it can to care for children who become sick while attending our setting. Parents will be asked to supply a range of contact numbers so that they can be contacted quickly should their child fall ill. These records will be updated regularly.

Staff will be trained to identify the signs of illness and will respond accordingly, in consultation of the manager/deputy.

If a child's condition deteriorates rapidly and gives cause for concern, an ambulance will be called. The parents will be informed and a member of staff will accompany the child and parent to hospital.

Parents will be informed whenever an outbreak of an infectious disease occurs within the setting and advised of symptoms to look out for and where to seek advice. The following exclusion periods apply for the infectious diseases below -

- Chicken pox - until fully scabbed over (around 5 days)
- Conjunctivitis - 48 hours
- Coronavirus - 3 days from the day after a positive test
- Diarrhoea and sickness - 48 hours after symptoms have disappeared
- Hand, foot and mouth - until the child feels well
- Impetigo - until crusted and healed or 48 hours after commencing antibiotic treatment
- German Measles/Measles - 4 days from the onset of rash
- Mumps - 5 days from the onset of swollen glands
- Rubella - 5 days from the onset of rash
- Whooping cough - 48 hours after treatment has started.

The purpose of these exclusion periods is to protect other children and adults from disease.

The local health and protection team and Ofsted will be informed whenever an outbreak of a notifiable disease occurs within the setting.

This policy was adopted on: (date)

Signed on behalf of the pre-school:(owner)

Date for review: August 2026