



GROWING AND LEARNING TOGETHER

Illness and Exclusion Policy

Little Jesters preschool aim to promote a healthy environment for the children in our care and we need your co-operation to support this:

- If parents/carers notice their child becoming ill or infectious they must inform the setting and they must have regard to the exclusion list below
- If your child becomes ill at the setting his/her condition is brought to the attention of one of the senior members of staff or the Manager
- A decision is then taken based upon the symptoms including any visible signs and the child's body temperature as to whether you are immediately informed or whether continued monitoring of the child should occur
- Should a child's condition deteriorate you will be contacted by a member of the team and actions will be agreed. This could include administering medicines or requesting collection of the child in order to reduce the risk of cross infection for example in the case of vomiting or diarrhoea
- If a child becomes ill or infectious at the setting, every effort will be made to contact the parents/carers. It is essential therefore that the setting has up to date information in order to be able to contact the parents/carers during settings hours. If the parent/carer cannot be contacted, setting staff will endeavour to contact the other named contacts on the child's record
- If the setting is unable to contact a parent/carer or other named contact, Little Jesters reserves the right to take the child to a general practitioner or hospital in an emergency. Parents/carers will be required to give signed consent for this procedure on registering their child at the setting

Notification of exposure to infectious diseases

Illness/Infectious	Period of Exclusion
Chicken pox/shingles	5 days from onset of rash and all the lesions have crusted over
Conjunctivitis	None
Diphtheria *	Exclusion is essential, Always consult with your local HPT
Diarrhoea and/or vomiting	Children and staff should be excluded from the setting

	whilst symptomatic and until 48 hours after the last episode of diarrhoea or vomiting
Flu (influenza)	Until recovered
Glandular fever	None
Hand, foot and mouth	None, however, whilst the child is unwell he/she should be kept away from the setting
Head lice	None Treatment is only required if live lice are seen in the hair (not nits (eggs))
Hepatitis	Hep A*- Until the child feels well or until 7 days after the onset of jaundice, whichever is the later
	Hep B*- None
	Hep C*- None
HIV / Aids	None
Impetigo	Until lesions are crusted/healed or 48 hours after starting antibiotic treatment
Measles*	Four days from onset of the rash and recovered
Mumps*	Exclude child for 5 days after the onset of swelling
Meningococcal meningitis*/septicaemia*	Until recovered
Meningitis * due to other bacteria	Until recovered
Meningitis Viral*	None
MRSA	None
Molluscum contagiosum	None
Pharyngitis/tonsillitis	None
Rashes	Children with rashes should be considered infectious and assessed by their doctor.
Ringworm (Tinea)	Exclusion not usually required
Rubella (German Measles)	Five days from onset of rash
Scarlet fever / Scarletina	Once a patient has been on antibiotic treatment for 24 hours they can return, provided they feel well enough.
Slapped cheek syndrome (Erythema Infectiosum/fifth disease)	None once rash has appeared
Scabies	Child can return after first treatment

Threadworms	None
Tuberculosis (TB)	Always consult local HPT
Warts and Verrucae	None
Whooping cough (Pertussis) *	48 hours from commencing antibiotic treatment, or 21 days from onset of illness if no antibiotic treatment

We will actively promote the use of the 'Catch it, Bin it, and Kill it' initiative to teach children about good hygiene practices by promoting:

- The use of tissues for cough's and colds
- Access to bins to dispose of used tissues
- Hand washing in warm soapy water as soon as possible, before eating, preparing food and after toileting

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If a child contracts any of the above infectious diseases (*denotes a notifiable disease), other parents will be informed by an emergency newsletter and information on the notice board. If we have reason to believe that any child is suffering from a notifiable disease identified as such in the Public Health (Infection Diseases) Regulations 2010, we will inform the East Midlands North Health Protection Team and Ofsted (EYFS requirement 3.49). We will act on any advice given by them and inform Ofsted of any action taken.

Public Health Agency Health Protection Duty Room (Duty Room) on 0300 555 0119

A list of notifiable diseases can be found at www.hpa.org.uk and is displayed on our parent's notice board alongside the HPA poster 'Guidance on Infection Control in Schools and other Child Care Settings'.

The East Midlands North Health Protection Team can be contacted at:

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City Hospital

Hucknall Road

Nottingham

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