POLICY FOR NOTIFICATION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

We are required by Ofsted to notify them and the Health Protection Agency of any infectious diseases that a qualified person considers notifiable.

It is the duty of the parent/carer to advise the pre-school, should their child become infected with a notifiable disease. All parents/carers will be notified immediately of any outbreak that occurs to a child registered with the setting, whilst maintaining the confidentiality of all concerned.

The following diseases are currently considered notifiable - if your child becomes ill with any of the list below, you should contact the nursery at the earliest opportunity and refrain from sending your child to the pre-school until all risk is eliminated.

- Acute encephalitis
- Acute poliomyelitis
- Anthrax
- Cholera
- Chicken Pox
- Diphtheria
- Dysentery
- Food Poisoning
- Malaria
- Measles
- Meningitis
- Meningococcal
- Pneumococcal
- Viral Haemorrhagic fever
- Haeamophilus influenza
- Viral
- Other specified
- Unspecified
- Meningococcal septicaemia (without other Meningitis)
- Whooping Cough
- Mumps
- Other neonatorum

CHILDREN WITHOUT VACCINATION

The policy for children who haven’t had immunisations is that we do not exclude them from attending the pre-school, but would advise parents that they may be asked to keep children away from the setting during outbreaks that their children may be vulnerable to. ALL children who haven’t been immunised must have this clearly stated on the registration forms before joining the pre-school.

ILLNESS POLICY

Caterpillars reserves the right to refuse entrance to a child who appears unwell on arrival. We would ask that a child should be kept home if they:

1. Are suffering from any infectious illness.
2. Have suffered a high temperature or diarrhoea/vomiting in the previous 48 hours.

If a child becomes unwell whilst at playgroup the parent/carer will be contacted immediately and asked to collect their child. We may isolate the child in our quiet room with an adult if they are contagious. We seek advice on occasions from NHS Direct or the Health Protection Agency. A sickness form is completed and signed by the parent.
This Policy adopted by Colyton Caterpillars on

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