

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 setting, 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	Viral Haemorrhagic fever	Meningococcal septicaemia (without other Meningitis)
Acute poliomyelitis	Viral Hepatitis	Whooping Cough
Anthrax	Paratyphoid fever	Yellow fever
Cholera	Plague	Swine Flu
Chicken Pox	Rabies	Mumps
Diphtheria	Relapsing	Other neonatorum
Rubella	Scarlet fever	
Dysentery	Smallpox	
Malaria	Tetanus	
Food Poisoning	Tuberculosis	
Measles	Typhus fever	
Meningitis	Typhoid fever	
Meningococcal	Viral Hepatitis A	
Haemophilus influenza	Other specified Hepatitis B	
Pneumococcal	Unspecified Hepatitis C	

CHILDREN WITHOUT VACCINATION

The policy for children who haven't had immunisations is that we do not exclude them from attending the setting 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 setting.

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.....

Signed By.....

