

Sick Child Policy

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We, at **Bidborough Village Nursery School** feel that children need to be fit and well in order to get the most from the setting. Children that are unwell should remain at home with the Parents/Carers as they may be contagious to the other children at the nursery. We understand the needs of working parents and do not aim to exclude children from school unnecessarily. However the decision of the school is final when requesting the exclusion of a child for illness or infection.

If for any reason a child is unwell whilst they are at **Bidborough Village Nursery School** we will ensure that:

- If a child needs to lie down an area of the room will be made comfortable and a bed made up for the child to rest on.
- If a child is found to have an infectious disease during a nursery session the Parent/Carer will be informed immediately and asked to collect their child.
- Decisions will take into account the needs of the child and those of the group. Children with infectious or contagious diseases will be excluded for certain periods. If a member of staff suspects that a child has an infectious or contagious disease, they will request **that parents consult a doctor before returning the child to school.**
- **A child who has sickness or diarrhoea whilst at the school is to be collected immediately and kept away for 48 hours following the last bout of sickness or diarrhoea.**

If a Child is Ill Prior to Coming to Nursery

- Parents are required to telephone the nursery at their earliest convenience, as their child may have an infectious disease, so other Parents/Carers will need to be notified.
- Guidelines need to be followed and Parents/Carers cannot return their child to the nursery until they are no longer infectious. This is because they could contaminate others
- Ultimately admission with illness will be judged on a case-by-case basis and the decision of the Nursery Owner and/or Manager is final. Parents are asked to remember that **Nursery is NOT the place for a sick child when they require one to one Nursing, which no Nursery can provide.**