

HEALTH PROSPECTUS

Young children are very prone to passing on infections as their immune systems are still developing. Below we set out our policies regarding the most common childhood illnesses.

Also explained are our policies on First Aid and Emergency procedures.



1. Illnesses

Our policies regarding illness are as follows:

- 1.1. **Diarrhoea or sickness:** your child must remain at home for 48 hours from the last episode of diarrhoea or vomiting.
- 1.2. **Head Lice:** treatment is recommended only in the cases where live lice have definitely been seen. Your child can attend pre-school, once the hair has been treated. The same applies to thread worm.
- 1.3. **Mild Conjunctivitis:** the child can still attend pre-school, as long as it is being treated.
- 1.4. **Chicken Pox:** the child must stay at home 5 days from the outset of the rash, all spots must be dried over before the child returns. Usually 5 days after the last spot appears.
- 1.5. **Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease:** If your child has hand, foot and mouth disease, exclusion may be considered in some circumstances.
- 1.6. **German Measles:** Children must stay at home 5 days from the onset of rash.
- 1.7. **Measles:** Children must stay at home 5 days from the onset of the rash.
- 1.8. **Mumps:** Children must stay at home 5 days from onset of swollen glands.
- 1.9. **Whooping Cough:** Children must stay at home for 5 days from commencing antibiotic treatment, or 21 days from onset of illness if no antibiotic treatment is being given.
- 1.10. **Swine Flu:** The child must stay at home 3-5 days after the symptoms begin. Your child should not return to the setting until at least 48 hours without a fever or any other symptoms.

Please phone/text pre-school if your child is going to be absent.

If your child has or is suspected of having any of the above-mentioned illness while at pre-school, staff will contact the parent/carer, or the person named as the emergency contact, who will be asked to come and collect the child immediately.

Your child may attend pre-school if they have a cold, but they must be well enough to participate in all activities including physical play time.

Please alert staff if your child has a verruca or other fungal infection.

Please remember that children who are ill or very tired are often extra clingy and irritable. Please be sensitive to your child's needs and keep them at home if they are not well enough to cope at pre-school, also if you have had to give your child Calpol that morning.

2. Asthma and Eczema

St Paul's Pre-school welcomes all children with asthma and eczema. We encourage and help the children to participate fully in all activities ensuring that they have immediate access to their reliever inhalers or creams.

We will ensure that the other children in the group understand so enabling them to support their friends.

Parents need to provide written information detailing the type of medication needed, any triggers, emergency procedures and permission for the trained staff in the group to administer the medication. A medical plan will also be put in place for your child.

3. First Aid

Minor cuts and bruises will be dealt with by staff during the pre-school session. All staff have up to date First Aid certificates. Parents and carers will be informed of minor accidents at the end of each session.

Medication will only be given in line with our "Administering Medicines Policy".

A separate consent form giving staff permission to deal with minor accidents and for your child to be taken to hospital for emergency treatment will be supplied for parents to sign on commencement to pre-school.

4. Emergency Procedure

- 4.1. Serious accidents or illnesses which requires urgent medical attention will be dealt with in the following way:
- 4.2. One person to stay with the injured child
- 4.3. One person to telephone i) the child's parents or if unobtainable, the person named as the emergency contact and ii) an ambulance if appropriate.
- 4.4. One person or more to take care of the other children
- 4.5. If appropriate the child will be taken to:

Beckenham Beacon
379 Croydon Road,
Beckenham, Kent
BR3 3QL
Telephone: (01689) 863000

OFSTED will be informed of the accident within 24 hours.

St Paul's Pre-School Team

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