

Medication and Illness Policy

The Butterfly Preschool has no facilities for the care of sick children. The preschool also has to consider the risk presented by potential cross-contamination. Therefore, if your child is ill, parents/carers will need to make other childcare arrangements during the period that the child is ill.

For the above reasons, The Butterfly Preschool will not accept:

- A child who has vomited or had diarrhoea. In such cases, the child cannot attend the nursery until they have been clear of the condition for 48 hours.
- A child with a temperature above or below the normal body temperature which is around 37.0 degree Celsius or 98.6 degree Fahrenheit
- A child during the first 48 hours following the commencement of a course of prescribed antibiotics
- A child suffering from a communicable disease. Such diseases include diarrhoea and vomiting, Tuberculosis, Meningitis, Typhoid or Para Typhoid, Whooping Cough, Chicken Pox, Conjunctivitis, Cryptosporidiosis, German Measles, Flu, Diphtheria, Hepatitis A/Jaundice, Impetigo, Measles, Mumps, Parvovirus/Slapped Cheek Syndrome/Fifth Disease, Ringworm (scalp and/or body), Scarlet Fever, Scabies, shingles.

The staff at the nursery will always refer to Ofsted's 'Guidance on infection control in schools and other childcare settings'.

In the event of an outbreak of a communicable disease the preschool director will inform the local councils Early Years team and Ofsted.

Parents/Carers are required to advise the preschool director of any medical conditions which might affect their child during their time in the preschool as well as any prescribed medication children are taking on an on-going basis. Preschool staff will only administer medicines prescribed by a medical practitioner or Calpol if we have a Calpol consent form. Parents/Carers will be required to complete a 'Medicine Form' providing details regarding required medicine, doses and times to be administered.

Parents/Carers must advise the preschool director of any food allergies or other allergies that their child suffers from. This is displayed in each classroom and kitchen.

If a child becomes too unwell to remain in the nursery, the Preschool Directors will contact parents/carers immediately. Parents/Carers will be expected to collect their child as soon as possible after contact has been made to avoid any unnecessary distress to their child.

