**Illness Policy**

We understand that as a working parent you need to be able to go to work however if your child is poorly then they will be more comfortable in their own home with yourself.

Whilst we are happy to care for children with minor coughs and colds we request that children are to be kept at home under the following circumstances:

* He/she has a fever or has had one within a 48 hour period
* He/she has a heavy nasal discharge
* He/she has a constant cough not related to allergies
* He/she has been vomiting within the last 48 hours
* He/she has symptoms of a possible communicable disease (these are usually sniffles, reddened eyes, sore throat, headache, abdominal pain or vomiting, or fever)
* He/she has mumps, measles, chicken pox, pink eye, lice, impetigo, conjunctivitis or any highly contagious condition
* He/she has had diarrhea within the last 48 hours
* Children with head lice, are not excluded, but must be treated to remedy the condition. Parents will be informed at the end of the session and the child needs to be treated before returning to the setting the next day
* Parents to inform the setting and the setting to notify Ofsted of any infectious diseases
* Children prescribed antibiotics to treat an infection should remain at home for at least 24 hours from starting the medication before returning

We are able to administer some medication however the following applies:

*The medication is clearly labeled with the child’s name on it and has not passed its expiry date.*

*A letter of consent from the parent/guardian giving medication time, what medication it is and the dosage.*

*Parents sign the medication consenting forms enabling me to administer medication.*

If your child falls ill during a session we will call you immediately and request you come and collect your child and keep away from the setting for the appropriate time.