

Sickness Policy



Ballinderry Nursery Unit

Children MUST be kept at home when ill.

Young children work closely together and infection spreads rapidly. It is therefore necessary that children are kept at home until they are fit to partake in nursery activities throughout the day.

- If a child has had vomiting or diarrhoea they should be kept at home until they are 48 hours clear of any sickness and strong enough to return to school and partake in activities. The 'Guidance on Infection and Control in Schools and Child Care Settings' poster will be displayed in the nursery entrance hall regarding exemption from school with other ailments and contagious illnesses.
- If a child is regularly unwell or has ongoing health problems which are not contagious (e.g. asthma) we will work with the parents to help the child attend school as much as possible until they are fit to return to full time hours.
- If a child is sick or appears unwell during the school day every effort will be made to contact a parent/carer to collect the child from school. If no one can be contacted, or collection will take a longer period of time, the child will be made comfortable in the story room or other practical area for their safety and comfort. Parents must ensure that the school have up to date contact numbers and people who are arrival to provide collection.
- Every effort will be made to help minimise the spread of infection. Children will be encouraged to wash hands regularly (especially before snack) after outdoor play (if proceeding to eat) after handling animals (see Safe Handling Animal Policy) and after sneezing. Tissues, which are placed around the classroom, should be used and placed directly into the bins around the classroom.

ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATION

Medication will be administered on request from parent and completion of 'medication administration' form. See school policy on Medication Administration.

This policy should be read in conjunction with Ballinderry Primary School's Illness Policy.

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