



PRE-SCHOOL

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ILLNESS POLICY

Children who have an infectious illness or who are feeling unwell should stay at home.

In the interest of the general health of all children and staff at Toddleswood, the Room Leader and Session Manager has the right to exclude any child he/she thinks may be suffering from an infectious illness/condition.

Children who have a rash or are suffering from a non-specific virus should NOT attend Toddleswood sessions without first receiving medical advice. All staff at Toddleswood reserves the right to ask parents to provide proof of any medication. Children suffering from sickness or diarrhoea or both should remain at home for **two** days after the last bout of sickness or diarrhoea.

Children who are suffering from a recognised childhood disease/illness should not return before the recommended isolation period has been observed. Toddleswood follows the 'Public Health England' guidelines to determine how long a child would need to stay home before returning to Toddleswood sessions.

Parents/Carers are requested to inform a member of Toddleswood staff if their child is suffering from any childhood illness/condition.

Parents/carers of the other children will be informed if a child is absent because of a notifiable disease that has been reported i.e. mumps, measles etc. (No child's name will ever be disclosed to other parents/carers). Again, these guidelines are set out by 'Public Health England'.

A child with a high temperature should remain at home and should only return to Toddleswood sessions when the temperature has remained normal (37°C) for **48** hours without the assistance of any paracetamol or ibuprofen containing products i.e. Calpol

If your child has been given any of the above medicines they should remain at home and not attend Toddleswood sessions.

If your child is on any medication, please speak to a staff member before leaving your child at a session.

Any child displaying the symptoms of an infectious condition i.e. ringworm, eye infection will need to remain at home until seen by a doctor and the appropriate diagnosis has been made and treatment has begun. The child will not be able to attend any sessions until proof of medication has been seen and photocopied by a member of staff. If the medication is to be administered whilst the child is attending a Toddleswood session then a 'Medication Administered Form' will need to be completed prior to the child starting their session.

Children will participate in activities both in and outdoors during each Toddleswood session. Please be aware that if your child is not well enough to play outside or complete any of the activities during a Toddleswood session, then they are not well enough to attend the session.

Please be aware that fees are still payable where fees are paid.

If a child becomes ill during a session at Toddleswood we will do our best to make the child comfortable and contact their parent/Carer immediately to come and collect the child. Parents/carers must be reachable and it is important that all contact details are kept up to date for this purpose. If we cannot contact the parent/carers we will contact the persons authorised on Emergency Contacts. Parents/carers are able to send someone else to collect their child who are not on the list but they must inform us of the name of person who is collecting and they MUST know the password we have on file.

However, we cannot stress enough how important it is that parents/carers are reachable in these events. Parents/carers who refuse or are not willing to collect their child or send someone within a suitable time frame could result in a referral to Children's Social Care as this could be deemed as neglect.

Appropriate officials will be informed of any notifiable disease as stated by Public Health England.