

# ASHENGROUND COMMUNITY PRESCHOOL



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## Sickness Policy

### General

The Ashenground preschool provides an environment that is healthy for all attendees (employees & children). In order to maintain such an environment, all staff and children need to be fit, well and in good health: sick children i.e. those who pose a significant risk of infection to others, should remain at home.

### Preschool Exclusion Periods:

#### Illness or Condition

#### Exclusion Period

Bronchiolitis

Until the child has fully recovered

Chicken pox and shingles

Until at least 5 days after the appearance of the last crop of spots, when they are fully crusted over and when the child feels well enough.

Conjunctivitis

Until the eye is treated and appears normal again and at least 48 hours after the first course of antibiotics

Diarrhoea and/or vomiting

Until 48 Hours after the symptoms have ceased

“Slapped cheek” disease

Until the child feels physically well

Hand foot and mouth disease

Until all the blisters have healed

#### Illness or Condition

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Head lice

Until the first course of treatment has been given

Hepatitis A

Until the child feels well and for 5 days after the onset of the jaundice

Impetigo

Until the infection has completely healed

Measles

Until at least 5 days after the rash first appears and the child is well enough

Mumps	Until 5 days after the onset of swollen glands
Ringworm	After the first course of treatment has been given
Rubella (German Measles)	Until at least five days after the rash first appears and the child is well enough
Scabies	After the first course of treatment has been given
Scarlet fever	Until at least 5 days after the first course of antibiotics has been given and the child is well enough
Threadworms	After the first course of treatment has been given
Verrucae	The verruca must be covered with a waterproof plaster or application of proprietary treatment
Whooping cough	5 days after the first course of antibiotics has been given and the child is well enough
<b><u>Illness or Condition</u></b>	<b><u>Exclusion Period</u></b>
A child on antibiotics	Until at least 48 hours after the first course of antibiotics has been given and the child is well enough
Meningitis viral	Until the child is well enough
Meningitis (meningococcal)	48 hours after treatment of antibiotics and when the child feels well enough.
Meningitis (due to other bacteria)	48 hours after treatment of antibiotics and when the child feels well enough.

If a child is found to have an infectious disease during a preschool session the parent/guardian will be immediately informed and the child will be excluded in accordance with the table above.

Informing the preschool of Child Sickness - Parents/guardians of sick children kept at home are asked to inform the preschool of the condition affecting the child as soon as possible either via email [ashengroundspreschool@gmail.com](mailto:ashengroundspreschool@gmail.com) or the preschool mobile number **07591 309509** Parents/guardians of sick children are asked to apply the exclusion period as detailed in the table above. Cuts & Sores Cuts and open sores are potentially high-risk areas for infectious diseases. Employees and parents/guardians are asked to ensure that children having cuts or open sores have the area appropriately dressed prior to attending the preschool. The Preschool Pre-accident book must be filled in by the parent, prior to the child coming in.

## **Preschool Child Sickness Procedures**

If a child becomes unwell whilst they are at the preschool employees are to ensure that:

- The parents are contacted immediately
- A suitable rest area is allocated to the child
- A member of staff always remains with the child

### **Incidents of Vomiting & Diarrhoea**

Where possible, the employees should attempt to ascertain the nature of the child's illness. After the second bout of diarrhoea or after the first bout of vomiting, the staff member is to inform the child's parent/guardian and to request that the child is collected from the preschool. The parent is asked to keep the child at home for 48 hours after the last bout of vomiting or diarrhoea.

### **High Temperatures**

Suspensions of high temperature should be checked using a thermometer. If the child's temperature is above 37.5°C the parent/carer is called to advise them of the child's condition and ask them to collect the child. Employees may attempt to reduce a child's temperature by: Stripping the child down to their vest or nappy and removing socks and shoes. Application of a cool compress to the back of the child's neck.

### **Allergies**

Child allergies are potentially serious and may even be life threatening. The Manager is to ensure that the following procedures are followed: A parent has notified the preschool by letter or via the registration form to inform us that their child has an allergy. Ensure that a medical plan is obtained from the family's doctor or medical professional. Ensure that the child's registration documents are notated with the details of the allergy, including symptoms and emergency treatment. Ensure that an 'Allergy Individual Emergency Plan' is produced and displayed prominently in the preschool.

Carry out any actions necessary to reduce the risk of contact with any substance that may precipitate an allergic reaction. Ensure that all employees are made aware of the child's condition.

For Covid-19 please see our Covid-19 policy.

The incident will be recorded.

Ofsted is notified of any infectious diseases that a qualified medical person considers notifiable.

### **Taking children to Hospital**

In case of emergency the manager reserves the right to take the child to the hospital. If a child has to be taken to the hospital one member of staff will accompany the child at all times. Another member of staff will notify the emergency services and the parents. The member of staff accompanying the child to the hospital will have the child's personal file containing all relevant information about that child with them. The child will only be moved in an ambulance and not a staff car. The parents/carers will be expected to meet us in the hospital immediately.

Any incident of infectious disease will be reported on the notice board of the preschool to keep all parents and carers informed. This is to help the parents watch out for possible infection to their child and deal with it appropriately.