

Guidance for when your child is unwell

All children will become unwell from time to time and here at Rainbow Early Years (REY) we wish to ensure we can maintain an environment that is beneficial to all users. Therefore we ask that if your child should become ill at home please **do not** send them into the group as this will spread infection to others. With cases such as sickness and/or diarrhoea the child must be free of any symptom for 48 hours before returning.

If your child or anyone in their household is displaying symptoms of Coronavirus, or has a new cough and high temperature, please do NOT send your child to preschool and follow the government self isolating guidelines.

To ensure we are able to maintain an accurate register please could you inform us as soon as practically possible of any absence of your child.

Should your child become ill whilst they are with us, we will care for them in the most appropriate manner and contact you (or your named emergency person if you are unavailable) and ask you to collect them immediately. Therefore it is very important that you ensure we have accurate and up to date contact information at all times.

For children who are taking medication (e.g. inhalers, antibiotics) we are able to administer them here at REY providing you have completed a red Medication form. These are available from your Keyperson and will be kept confidentially on your child's file for reference only. All medications need to be kept safely in our Office out of children's reach, or in the staff fridge if required. Inhalers need to be in their name box so they can be identified for a particular child and the correct dose administered.

If your child should injure themselves at home and have obvious bruising, grazes, etc could you inform us of the exact nature of the injury and it will be noted in our 'Injuries from home' form. This is to ensure we comply with Safeguarding requirements.

If at any time you require advice please call us on 01225 774478 and a member of staff will be happy to advise you. We refer to the 'Guidance on infection control in schools and other childcare settings' (Health Protection Agency) to ensure we are consistent in our approach. To see the guidelines please see: http://www.hpa.org.uk/webc/hpawebfile/hpaweb_c/1194947358374

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