



**Clowns Nursery is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.**

It is our belief that the Nursery is not a suitable place for any child who is not feeling well. The staff team are not medically qualified and as such, we follow our judgement which is influenced by a set of guidelines provided by the local authority. Sick children fall into categories which are listed below.

### **Communicable Diseases**

When a child has been diagnosed with a communicable disease, i.e. chicken pox, measles, mumps etc, parents will be asked to remove the child from the nursery for a set exclusion period. They will be informed verbally/in writing the date on which their child may return.

### **Skin Infections**

When a child has been diagnosed with a skin infection, such as ringworm, scabies, impetigo etc, parents will be asked to remove the child from the nursery until treatment has been started. It should not be necessary to exclude the child as long as treatment is underway, and the affected area is covered unless the case is severe.

### **High Temperature**

Children presenting with a higher-than-normal temperature will be carefully monitored. This information will be recorded, and parents will be advised as to what action is necessary.

### **General Illness**

When a child is generally unwell at nursery, parents will be contacted and asked to return to the nursery to collect their child. Staff will care for the child until the parent/carer arrives, providing as much one-to-one attention as is practical at a nursery.

Children must not be brought to the nursery if suffering from any of the above. If parents are unsure, they should always telephone the nursery prior to leaving home.

We must emphasise that this is our policy with regard to sickness and accepting a place at the nursery assumes acceptance of our policies.

### **Additional information to consider in the event of a pandemic:**

The parent / carer of any child who develops symptoms synonymous to the pandemic whilst at nursery will be immediately contacted and asked to collect their child. Parent/carers will be advised that their child should follow any government guidelines that may be in place – including testing, is applicable and required.

In the event of a pandemic the nursery will follow all guidelines and advice from the UK Health Security Agency on reporting confirmed cases.