

WOODSIDE PRIMARY ACADEMY NURSERY

ILLNESS & MEDICINE POLICY

HIGH TEMPERATURE, SICKNESS AND DIARRHOEA

- If your child has a high temperature, please **do not** bring them to nursery and keep them at home for at least **24 hours or the next nursery day** until the temperature has returned to normal (37°C/98.6°F). A temperature of 38°C/100.4°F or above is usually considered to be a significant fever (source: BBC Health website).
- If your child has diarrhoea, they **must not** attend for **48 hours** after the last bout of diarrhoea and normal eating and drinking patterns have resumed and **a formed stool is passed**.
- If your child has been vomiting, please **do not** bring them into Nursery. Children can return when the vomiting has been clear for **48 hours** and normal eating and drinking patterns have resumed.
- If your child is sent home from nursery following sickness and/or diarrhoea the period is a further 48 hours from that day e.g. another 2 full days away from nursery until the child can return. This is to ensure they are well enough to return and do not pass on any illness.

PRESCRIBED MEDICATION & PARACETAMOL ADMINISTRATION

- If your child is prescribed antibiotics, they must remain at home for **48 hours** minimum from the first dosage.
- Medicines can only be administered in special circumstances i.e., to complete the course or if they have been prescribed by your child's GP or hospital (staff will check the date of issue).

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- Paracetamol will only be administered in the case of a very high temperature. A member of staff will contact you prior to administering the medicine for your consent. Once your child has been given the paracetamol, they will need to be collected **within the hour** and cannot return to nursery for 24 hours (after 1 day following the dose being administered).
- All prescribed medicines must be clearly labelled with your child's name, age and dosage instructions and stored appropriately and out of the reach of children. A prescribed medication consent form will need to be completed prior to the administering of the medication. The medication **MUST** be in labelled in the original packaging with the child's name.
- Children **cannot attend nursery for 24 hours** if paracetamol (Calpol) has been administered. This is in case it masks any underlying conditions or the child has any adverse reactions to the medication.
- Please inform the nursery in the usual way that your child is unwell and cannot attend due to taking Calpol. They will be able to attend after the 24-hour period if they are well and have no temperature. This includes taking Calpol due to teething or having a nappy rash. If you are unsure whether your child will be able to attend, please call the nursery for advice.

GELS & CREAMS

- Teething gel (supplied by parents) will be administered with the consent of the parents. A non-prescribed medication form will need to be completed. Staff should ensure that age-appropriate teething gel be used.
- Creams such as nappy rash cream need to be discussed with a senior member of staff. You can provide a cream to be used and this **MUST** be labelled with the child's full name.



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CONJUNCTIVITIS

- If your child has Conjunctivitis, you **MUST** seek medical advice from the pharmacist or GP as soon as possible. They can return to nursery once it is being treated. Drops can be administered by a senior member of staff at nursery; we will ask you to complete a medicine form and clearly label it with the child's name and class.

CHICKEN POX

- If your child has Chicken Pox, they will need to be away from nursery for a minimum of 5 days from when the spots first appear. Once the spots have scabbed over and the child feels well with no temperature, they can return to nursery.

HAND, FOOT & MOUTH

- If your child has Hand, Foot & Mouth it needs to be treated as soon as possible. NHS guidance says that children should be kept away from nursery until they feel better to help prevent the spread of the infection. Once treated and they are feeling better, they can return to nursery. The blisters do not need to be fully healed when they come back. *Please note that if they still have a temperature or are taking Calpol they should not return to nursery.*

SCARLETT FEVER

- Your child will need to be treated with antibiotics prescribed by the GP. They will be able to return to nursery **48 hours** following the first dose of the antibiotics. We can administer the medication at nursery once a medication form is



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completed. The antibiotics **MUST** be in labelled in the original packaging with the child's name.