

Ravenside Pre-School

ILL CHILDREN

General Legal Requirement

- *The provider must promote the good health of the children, take necessary steps to prevent the spread of infection, and take appropriate action when they are ill.*

When a child becomes ill at our setting our policy is to send the child home to ensure the child has his/her needs met in the most appropriate setting and to protect other children and adults from the risk of infection.

PROCEDURES

- Any member of staff suspecting a child is unwell or contagious must report this to a senior member of staff.
- A member of staff will make sure the child is as comfortable as possible away from other children.
- The person in charge will telephone the parents first, if no answer other emergency contact numbers will be tried.
- If parents or emergency contact numbers did not answer the child will be cared for by one member of staff until the end of the session.
- Parents will always be advised to seek the advice of a medical practitioner.
- Where staff are concerned about a child's condition deteriorating e.g. suspected meningitis, an ambulance will be called to take the child directly to hospital and seek medical guidance.

- Parents will be required to keep children at home if they have an infectious disease or vomiting and diarrhoea – this includes children of workers and volunteers. (A link to the Health Protection Agency's list of notifiable diseases can be found on the EYFS CD-ROM).
- Ofsted will be notified of any child suffering from a serious illness or notifiable disease.

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