



SICK CHILDREN POLICY

The health and safety of children in our care is of the utmost importance. Children who become ill need to feel cared for and comforted, and be reassured that someone will collect them as soon as possible. Children who are well need to stay well. If members of staff become ill, then we may not be able to staff the setting.

If a child becomes unwell whilst with us then we will care for them in our quiet area. We will inform the child's main contact by phone and ask them to make arrangements for the child to be collected. If it becomes necessary for the child to receive emergency treatment we will arrange for that immediately, contacting the parent/carer as soon as possible. Other parents will be informed of illness/infection if necessary but will only be told information that may have an impact on their child.

SCOOSC will use 'Guidance on Infection Control in Schools and Other Childcare Settings' published by the Health Protection Agency as a guide to controlling infection. It recommends that children with diarrhea and/or vomiting should be kept away from the setting until they have been free of both for 48 hours. Please respect this - if we become ill we may not be able to care for any of the children.

If you feel your child is unwell or has a condition e.g. head lice that may affect other children or staff, please talk to the manager about it so that we can decide whether it is alright for your child to attend SCOOSC.

If a qualified medical person considers a disease notifiable, we must inform OFSTED immediately.

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