



Colyton Caterpillars Early Education

Illness Policy

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We provide care and education for healthy children. We will take measures to keep them healthy (as far as it is possible) by preventing cross infection of viruses and bacterial infections. We promote health through helping to identify allergies and preventing contact with the allergenic substance. Children and staff with allergies and intolerances are listed with a photograph on a poster on the kitchen door and all staff are made aware of these.

Children who are unwell should not be brought to nursery. If parents/carers bring children who are unwell to nursery, they will be asked to take them home again. As we are a mixed-aged setting, our priority is to keep all children safe and well. We therefore reserve the right to refuse entry for any child deemed unwell.

Parents/ carers who are unable to care for their own child when they are unwell must have adequate alternative arrangements in place.

Parents/ carers must notify staff if their child has been unwell at the weekend or in the night, and if they have been given any medicine such as Calpol/Nurofen prior to coming to nursery. If Calpol/Nurofen has been given, the child must be kept at home for 24 hours before returning to the setting. 24 hours should have passed without the need of Calpol to reduce a fever before a child can return to the setting.

Parents/carers must not send their child to Nursery if he/she is unwell, this includes children who have a heavy cough or cold.

Any child who has had vomiting and or diarrhoea must not return to Nursery until at least 48 hours have elapsed from the last bout of vomiting and or diarrhoea and they feeling well in themselves