

**TWYFORD PLAYGROUP - EY484175  
SICK CHILD POLICY**

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**Manager Signature: Rachel Knott**

**Chair of Committee Signature: Melissa Simpson**

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At Twyford playgroup we promote good attendance. However, we ask that you keep your child at home if

- Your child is nauseous, vomiting or has diarrhoea. Wait 48 hours after the symptoms have stopped before returning your child to playgroup.
- Your child is running a fever of 38 degrees C or more. Your child may return once the temperature returns to normal and if they are well enough to attend and cope with the usual demands of a playgroup day and are eating well.
- Your child has a thick green or yellow nasal discharge combined with cough or fever for more than 3 or 4 days. This usually is a sign of medical infection and possibly needs medical treatment.
- Your child has a generalised rash (involving more than one part of the body). Rashes are difficult to identify and should be checked by your child's doctor.

If your child becomes ill whilst at playgroup you will be contacted and expected to collect him/her as soon as possible. If we cannot contact you then we will notify the emergency contact and ask them to pick your child up from playgroup.

We are only able to give prescribed medicines to your child. We ask parents to provide the medication in the original box or bag detailing the name of your child, and date of birth to verify the medicine is prescribed for your child. Please ensure you have completed the necessary permission forms before leaving any medicines and signed an authority for staff to give your child the medication. (Please refer to the administration of medicines policy)

We may be able to offer you advice regarding your child's return to playgroup following common infectious illnesses, e.g. chicken pox, mumps, German measles, impetigo, using the Guidance Infection Control in Schools.

Please inform us as soon as possible if your child will be absent due to illness.

In an emergency, if your child becomes seriously ill whilst at Twyford playgroup, we will contact you and call an ambulance. A member of staff would accompany your child in the ambulance if you were unable to get to playgroup immediately. If, on arrival at hospital you are unable to be there or are delayed the member of playgroup staff will hand responsibility for treatment to the Health Care Professionals, whilst remaining with your child for emotional support.

Please remember to update us with your contact numbers.

**Reference: Guidance Document Infection Control in schools**

[https://www.publichealth.hscni.net/sites/default/files/Guidance\\_on\\_infection\\_control\\_in%20schools\\_poster.pdf](https://www.publichealth.hscni.net/sites/default/files/Guidance_on_infection_control_in%20schools_poster.pdf)