



## Sick Child

### Policy statement

Our aim is to provide a healthy environment and to minimize the spread of viral disease. To teach the children through activities health and hygiene routines to help to avoid cross infections.

### Procedures

#### Methods

If your child is ill the playgroup needs to be notified, viral illness spread quickly. Depending of the nature of the illness will depend on how long the child will be excluded (there is an 'Incubation and Exclusion Guidance' in the sick child folder near the notice board).

If your child has had sickness or diarrhoea it is advised that they do not attend playgroup for 48 hours after or until they have passed a formed stool. If your child becomes ill during playgroup hours the staff will try to contact the parents to advise them that the child is taken home.

One member of staff will sit with the child making sure that the child is comfortable and monitor their condition. If we have no response from the parents, we will try to contact the emergency number available. (If this number changes please notify the playgroup).

If this is not successful and depending on the severity of the child's illness, the emergency services will be called. An adult will accompany the child to the hospital, while another member of staff will continue to try and contact the parents, otherwise we will stay with the child until someone collects them, monitoring and keeping them comfortable at all times.

If there is an illness circulating the group i.e. Chickenpox, parents will be sent a letter making sure that all parents are aware enabling them to look out for signs and symptoms of the illness.

Playgroup can refuse admittance to children who have a temperature, sickness and diarrhoea or a contagious infection or disease.

If there is a case of a 'Notifiable Disease' the Local Environmental Health Officer will be notified immediately.

No child's names will be used regarding information relating to illnesses/diseases. We will ensure that confidentiality is adhered to at all times.

Useful websites:

[www.ah.gov.uk](http://www.ah.gov.uk)

[www.hpa.org.uk](http://www.hpa.org.uk)

[www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk)

**Procedures for a child needing medication whilst attending Carlton Playgroup:**

If a child requires any form of medicine whilst attending playgroup, medicines will only be given if they are prescription medicines and have been prescribed to a child by an authorised doctor, dentist, nurse or pharmacist. Upon arrival at playgroup a medicine form must be completed by parent/guardian 'signing the medicine in' providing information about times and dosage required. When going home parents must sign the medicine out and be told to sign to say they acknowledge the doses/medicine given.

This policy was adopted by Carlton Playgroup Ltd *(name of provider)*

On \_\_\_\_\_ *(date)*

Date to be reviewed \_\_\_\_\_ *(date)*

Signed on behalf of the provider \_\_\_\_\_

Name of signatory \_\_\_\_\_

Role of signatory (e.g. chair, director or owner) \_\_\_\_\_