

INFECTION CONTROL PROCEDURES

In order to avoid spreading infectious diseases, the following must be observed:

- Excluding children with infectious illnesses and infections for the recommended period of time (please see the NHS Exclusion Guidelines for further information on this, a guide of the more common illnesses and exclusion periods are shown below).
- Excluding all members of staff with infectious illnesses and infections for the recommended period of time (please see the NHS Exclusion Guidelines for further information on this).
- Identifying signs of illness in children and staff whilst they are in the setting
- Informing parents and carers of sick children that their children are ill and arranging for them to be collected at the earliest opportunity.
- Limiting the contact of sick children with other children until they can be collected from the setting, taking into account the sensitivity of the situation and that the child does not feel bad as a result of any action.
- Preventing the spread of infection by adhering to the setting's health and safety policy, personal hygiene policy and food safety policy and procedures.
- Reporting incidences of certain infections to other parents and members of staff whilst maintaining the anonymity of all children and members of staff involved.

Parents must phone the setting as soon as their child is diagnosed with an infectious complaint.

The child needs to be away from the setting after the start of the illness, for a period as follows:

Chicken pox	5 days (from rash or spots have healed / doctors advice)
Measles	2 weeks
Mumps	2 weeks
German Measles	1 week
Whooping Cough	3 weeks
Sickness / Diarrhoea	48 hours after both have ceased
Ringworm	Until treatment has commenced

HEAD LICE - PLEASE DO NOT BRING YOUR CHILD TO THE SETTING UNTIL YOU HAVE TREATED THEM, THE CHILD CAN RETURN ONCE THEY HAVE BEEN TREATED OR ARE CLEAR OF HEAD LICE.

If a child is poorly whilst in our care the child's parent/carer is contacted to collect the child immediately. If required we will contact a nominated person from the child's record file to collect your child.

Ramas Daycare will inform Ofsted of any occurrences of notable diseases, in this instance a child's return to our care would be arranged in discussion with a doctor and possibly environmental health.