



SICK CHILD POLICY

At Footprints we actively encourage good health for all the children in our care, their families and members of staff. We aim to care for sick children sensitively, taking whatever action is possible to improve their well-being and to prevent the spread of infectious disease to others.

- Under the Department of Health Guidelines we cannot accept children who have had Sickness & Diarrhoea until 48 hours after their last episode. If, during the session, a member of staff becomes aware that a child has had sickness or diarrhoea in the 48 hours prior to the session, the parent/carer will be contacted.
- If a child is prescribed antibiotics, they will need to be kept home for a minimum of 24 hours from the first dose administered, or preferably until they are well again.
- We follow all advice on periods of exclusion from Health Protection Agency.
- We have a duty to inform OFSTED of any episodes of food poisoning affecting two or more children.
- We have a duty to inform the Health Protection Agency of any infectious diseases on the Notifiable Diseases list. We also have a duty to inform OFSTED of such an event and the actions we have been advised to take by the Health Protection Agency.
- On our initial registration form, parents/carers are asked to sign their consent for their children to receive emergency treatment if required.

SEE ALSO SICK CHILD PROCEDURE