

## A SICK CHILDREN POLICY

### **Aim:**

To protect all of the children and staff at WKN, we ask that you not send your child to the nursery when he/she is sick. Sometimes it is difficult to tell if your child is not well, but please be considerate of other children when deciding whether or not your child is healthy enough to attend nursery.

Please follow these guidelines and if your child has any of these symptoms, please keep him/her home.

- Fever within the last 24 hours (100°F underarm; 101°F oral or 102°F rectal).
- Vomiting (twice or more in 24 hours).
- Diarrhoea, three runny stools in a row.
- Excessive wheezing or coughing (child gets red or blue in the face and makes a high-pitched whoop after cough).
- First 2 days of a cold, especially if the child is uncomfortable or has a runny nose with yellow/green mucous or a persistent cough.
- Sore throat with fever and swollen glands.
- Rash (not heat or allergy related).
- Eye discharge/persistent crusty eyelids with red or pink sclera (whites of eyes) (thick mucus or pus draining from eye, or pink eye).
- Child is irritable, continuously crying, or requires more attention than you think we can provide without risking the health and safety of other children in our care.
- Ask yourself this important question...if your child is healthy, would you want him/her playing with another child that has your child's symptoms? If the answer is no, please do not bring him/her to the nursery.

In addition, your child must be free of ALL symptoms for 24 hours.

If at any time before or during the service, one of the staff notices any of the above symptoms, he/she will contact you and ask you to pick up your child from the nursery.

These policies benefit your child as well as other children. Your compliance is appreciated and will be compensated with the assurance that all ill children will be kept at home and the nursery will be kept a healthy environment.

Thanks for your consideration!!

**Signed on behalf of WKN Nursery \_\_\_\_\_ Proprietor/Manager**

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