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Sick Child Policy

This policy has been devised to outline the procedures that occur when a child is unwell and has been updated to include our response to children who display Covid-19 symptoms.

For your child or any member of your household display symptoms of CoVid-19:

- **New continuous cough**
- **High temperature**
- **Loss of smell/taste**

You should NOT bring your child to Montessori. The whole household should isolate for 14 days until you receive a negative test result.

Temperature

A fever or high temperature according to the NHS is 38C or over

(www.nhs.uk)

We will not admit any child onto the premises who has been given calpol, as this will mask symptoms of any illness they may have. We will not take any chances.

If your child develops a temperature or any other CoVid-19 symptoms we will contact the parents to collect their child immediately. We will not administer any calpol on site.

Any child with CoVid-19 symptoms will be isolated from the rest of their cohort, with a member of staff who wears appropriate PPE that is a mask, gloves, apron and goggles. Where possible the child will be outside with the staff member to further reduce the risk of transmission.

If a child is sent home with symptoms, all families attending will be informed. They will be updated according to when test results return. All children and their families are entitled to access testing.

If a child is not tested, or has a positive test result they will be required to stay at home and isolate for 14 days.

Children who have experienced vomiting and/or diarrhoea will now be expected to stay at home for one week in the last bout. This is to ensure that children are not coming to Montessori with compromised immune systems, and to avoid the spread of any other illnesses which could make staff and other children more susceptible. This will be reviewed as we learn more about the spread of the disease.

We ask parents to inform us at the earliest opportunity of their child's illness to enable us to inform other families of signs and symptoms, this is especially important for illnesses such as CoVid-19, chicken pox etc.

child should wait at least 48 hours before returning to Montessori after starting antibiotics.

If you are unsure about when your child can return after a bout of illness please contact us for advice.

Please note we reserve the right to refuse entry to any child who we deem to be unwell or unfit to attend Montessori.

This policy was revised by Miss Emma on 28th May 2020 and will be reviewed in regard to government guidance.