



5.3 Sick Child and Infectious Diseases Policy

At Ecclesall Kids Club we will promote the good health, including oral health of the children that we look after. We will deal promptly and effectively with any illnesses or injuries that occur while children are in our care. We take all practical steps to keep staff and children safe by taking appropriate action if children are ill or infectious. This keeps children and staff safe from communicable diseases.

All parents or carers must complete the Consents on Magic Booking when their child joins the Club, requesting permission for emergency medical treatment for their child in the event of a serious accident or illness.

We will record any accidents or illnesses, together with any treatment given, on the Injury or incident form via Magic Booking as appropriate, which the parent or carer will be emailed a copy of.

Ecclesall Kids Club cannot accept children who are ill or infectious. If any children are ill when they first arrive at the Club, we will immediately notify their parents or carers to come and collect them. Parents will be requested not to leave their child at the club, if it is apparent that the child is ill or infectious. Any children who have been ill or infectious should not return to the Club until they have fully recovered, or until after the minimum exclusion period has expired (see table at the end of this policy).

The club will notify Ofsted and local safeguarding children board of any serious accident or injury to or serious illness of, or the death of, any child whilst in their care, and act on any advice given. To fail to comply with this requirement, without reasonable excuse, is to commit an offence.

Staff will discuss with parents or carers the procedure for children who are ill or infectious. This will include the possibility of exclusion as well as the protocol for contacting parents or another adult designated by the parent if a child becomes ill or receives minor injuries whilst in the provider's care.

If staff observe any signs of illness in a child, the Play Manager/ Duty Manager should be contacted immediately.

A quiet area of the club will be designated and made available if it is appropriate to isolate the child from other children, whilst awaiting collection. The child will be comforted, and staff will remain calm and reassuring. Staff will monitor the child and observe good hygiene practice, such as washing hands, surfaces and equipment, to minimise passing on any infectious or viral illnesses.

If the child has sickness or diarrhoea, or a slight rise in temperature, staff will contact the parents/carers and inform them of the situation. They may be asked to attend immediately if the Play Manager/ Duty Manager feels it is necessary.



If the child is showing signs of being very unwell, staff will contact the parents/carers or emergency contact designated by the parent/carer. An ambulance will be called if the child is having a fit, is choking, collapses or the first aider on site deems it necessary.

The parents or emergency contact designated by the parent/carer will be advised and reassured that a member of staff will accompany the child to the hospital and wait there until the parent/emergency contact arrives. Children's records must be taken to the hospital with the child.

When the child (and the parents/carers) have been handed over to medical experts or returned home in the case of a less serious illness, a report will be written in the Accident and Incident Log.

Staff will keep in touch with the child's parents/carers and be prepared to answer any queries from other parents at the play setting.

Infection control

Hand hygiene is one of the most important ways of controlling the spread of infections especially those that children are especially susceptible to. We will ensure access to soap, warm water and paper towels are always available. In the case these are not possible, alcohol hand gel can be used if hands are not visibly dirty. All children will be reminded to clean their hands after using the toilet, before eating and handling food and at any other times necessary (such as after messy play or if animals are present)

Our setting is cleaned regularly and to a set schedule. We will take the advice of UKHSA health protection team should any outbreak of infection at our setting be noted.

[Ecclesall Kids Club follows the advice set out in the UK Government guidance "Health Protection in Children and Young People settings" on the prevention of infection control.](#)

Exclusion for Infectious Illnesses

Children and staff will be excluded for infectious illnesses, such as sickness and diarrhoea or chicken pox —see attached table at end of this policy for list of communicable illnesses and suggested periods of exclusion.

All parents/carers will be informed by a notice if a child or staff member who attends the play setting develops an infectious illness —see attached table.

If a child who has developed an infectious illness returns to the club still unwell or before any recommended exclusion period is completed, then this will be discussed with the parent/carer. If this does not resolve the situation then advice should be sought from the Club Management and Committee via the [Health Protection Team \(HPT\)](#) in conjunction with any advice provided by Public Health England in their guidance document.

Local HPTs lead Public Health England's response to all health-related incidents. They provide specialist support to prevent and reduce the impact of infectious diseases.

For Advice on the notification of diseases and appropriate action to take in these



cases contact Yorkshire and the Humber HPT – (which covers Sheffield).

For **URGENT** notifications please ring **0300 3030234** (a list of Urgent notifiable diseases is available on their website.) All urgent diseases should be notified in 24 hours using the number above. All routine cases should be reported within 3 days using the online portal.

Communicable diseases and conditions

If a case of head lice is found at the Club, the child's parents or carers will be discreetly informed when they collect the child. Other parents will be advised to check their own children for head lice, but care will be taken not to identify the child affected.

If an infectious or communicable disease is detected on the Club's premises, we will inform parents and carers as soon as possible. We will also inform the local health protection unit, HSE under RIDDOR (if appropriate), and Ofsted.

If there is an incident of food poisoning affecting two or more children looked after at the Club the Manager will inform Ofsted as soon as possible and within 14 days at the latest.

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Written in accordance with the Statutory Framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage (2025): Safeguarding and Welfare Requirements: Paediatric first aid [3.36,3.39] Health [3.58,3.61]. Safety and suitability of premises environment and equipment [3.77, 3.79]



Minimum exclusion periods for infectious conditions and diseases	
Disease/Condition	Exclusion period
Chicken Pox	At least 5 days from onset of rash and until all spots have crusted over
Cold Sores	None. Avoid contact with sores
Conjunctivitis	None
Covid 19 and other respiratory infections	Should not attend if displaying a high temperature and are unwell. Those who test positive should not attend for 3 days after the day of the test.
Diphtheria*	Exclusion always necessary, consult local Health Protection Team
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after last episode of diarrhoea or vomiting
Glandular Fever	None
Gastro-enteritis, E. Coli, Food Poisoning, Salmonella and Dysentery	48 hours after last episode of diarrhoea – further exclusion may be required for some children
Hand, Foot and Mouth disease	None
Headlice	None
Hepatitis A*	Until 7 days after onset of jaundice
Hepatitis B* and C*	None
High temperature	24 Hours
HIV/AIDS	None
Impetigo	Until lesions are crusted and healed, or 48 hours after starting antibiotic treatment
Influenza (flu or similar)	Until recovered
Measles*	4 days from onset of rash and well enough
Meningitis*	Until recovered
Mumps*	5 days from onset of swollen glands
Pertussis* (Whooping cough)	5 days from commencing antibiotic treatment or 21 days from the onset if antibiotics not given
Ringworm	Exclusion not usually required
Rubella* (German Measles)	4 days from onset of rash
Scabies	Until first treatment has been given
Scarlet fever*	24 hours after starting antibiotic treatment
Slapped Check, Fifth Disease/ Parvovirus	None (once rash has developed)
Threadworms	None
Tonsillitis	None
Tuberculosis*	Consult local Health Protection Team
Typhoid*, Paratyphoid*	48 hours after last episode of diarrhoea – further exclusion may be required for some children
Warts (including Verruca)	None. Verruca sufferers should keep feet covered
*Denotes a notifiable disease If in doubt, contact local health services for more information	