

## **SICK CHILD POLICY**

### ***Statement of intent***

Jellytots believes that the health and safety of children is of paramount importance. We make our playgroup a safe and healthy place for children, parents, staff and volunteers.

### ***Aim***

Jellytots does not aim to exclude children from playgroup unnecessarily. The decision of the Manager/Supervisor is final when requesting the exclusion of a child for illness or infection. Decisions will consider the needs of the child and of the group.

Sick children cannot be admitted into playgroup.

All children are expected to be well on arrival.

If a child becomes unwell during a session, staff will contact parents or an emergency contact.

While awaiting the arrival of parents, the staff will ensure the comfort of the child, taking appropriate action which would include seeking medical advice if necessary.

If the child is in danger, staff will seek medical advice immediately.

If we suspect that a child is suffering from an infectious disease, then he/she will be isolated with a member of staff until the parent/guardian can be contacted to collect the child.

### **COVID-19 Symptoms**

Parents are strongly reminded that they must not send their child to playgroup if they or anyone in their household has symptoms. The isolation protocols in place nationally, must be followed.

In addition, if anyone in the household has symptoms or has contact with anyone who has symptoms, parents must arrange for a coronavirus test to be completed for family members – including children – as necessary and share results with Jellytots as soon as they are received.

The government requests that we all engage with the NHS Test and Trace process.

If anyone becomes unwell with a new, continuous cough or a high temperature or has a loss of, or change, in their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia), they must be sent home and advised to follow the

'Stay at home: guidance for households with possible coronavirus (Covid 19) infection.'

Jellytots will advertise the condition to other parents on the notice board.

Children should not attend Jellytots if they have a rash, discharge from the eyes or nose, diarrhoea or any contagious/infectious illness - they should be kept at home until he/she is fully recovered (see infections/periods of exclusion chart).

If your child is unwell or will be absent for any reason, please let the setting know by contacting us on 07858158220

In the case of infestations such as head lice, staff will inform parents of the problem and advise them how to proceed.

Children will be excluded pending treatment.

*Policy Re-adopted 8<sup>th</sup> October 2025 – R Cockbill Chairperson*

*Please see Table Below*

<b>INFECTION</b>	<b>INFECTIOUS PERIOD</b>	<b>PERIOD OF EXCLUSION</b>
<b>Chicken Pox (Varicella)&amp; Herpes Zoster(Shingles)</b>	From 2 days before to 5 days after appearance of the rash	After scabs (crusted lesions) have formed and no new lesions are appearing
<b>Cold Sores</b>	While sores are present	Until treated and clear
<b>Conjunctivitis</b>	While active	Until eyes are clear, this could take up to 48 hours.
<b>Diarrhea (viral gastroenteritis &amp; other common causes of diarrhea)</b>	While there is diarrhea	Until well & for 48 hours after diarrhea has stopped.
<b>Diphtheria</b>	Consult Public Health Agency	
<b>Fifth disease (Slapped Cheek Syndrome)</b>	5 days before rash appears	Until well
<b>Glandular Fever</b>	For several weeks	Until well
<b>Hand, Foot &amp; Mouth disease</b>	Whilst symptoms persist, could be prolonged	Until treatment has commenced & improvement seen in child
<b>Head Lice</b>	Whilst lice & eggs are present	2 days after treatment commenced and head lice cleared None if been treated
<b>Hepatitis A infection</b>	For several days before until 7 days after onset of jaundice	8 days after onset of jaundice & feels well
<b>Impetigo (Streptococcal) &amp; Staphylococcus Skin infections</b>	Until lesions have healed or 48 hours after antibiotic treatment started	Noticeable scabs are healed. Excluded while sores are still weeping
<b>Influenza</b>	3-7 days from onset of symptoms	Until fully recovered
<b>Measles</b>	1 day or so before rash & 5 days afterwards	Until 6 days after the appearance of rash & if child is well enough
<b>Mumps</b>	From 7 days before onset & 9 days after the appearance of swelling	10 days after the onset of swelling
<b>Pertussis (Whooping Cough)</b>	From 7 days before onset & 9 days after onset of paroxysmal cough	7 days after starting antibiotics if enough & child has improved. 21 Days if no medicine taken
<b>Ringworm (tinea)</b>	While lesions present	2 days after treatment started
<b>Athlete's Foot</b>	While lesions present	Until treatment started
<b>Rubella infection</b>	7 days before & 5 days after onset of rash	6 days after onset of rash
<b>Scabies</b>	While mites & eggs are present	2 days after treatment started
<b>Streptococcal infections including sore throat and scarlet fever</b>	While organism is present in nasopharynx	48 hours after treatment with antibiotics has started. 3 weeks if have not taken any medication
<b>Upper respiratory infections (including colds, bronchitis, sore throats, etc.) Including COVID 19</b>	Not to attend if have a high temperature and unwell	24 hours after high temperature has subsided or until well Covid – until well, 3 days after positive test
<b>Warts &amp; Verrucae's</b>	As long as warts last	No exclusion period
<b>Vomiting/general sickness</b>	Until clear	Until well 48 hours <u>after</u> vomiting has stopped.
<b>Threadworm</b>	Eggs can survive for 3 weeks	Until treatment is given