



Illness and Sickness Policy (Sick Child Policy)

Only “well” children and staff will be allowed to attend Greenshoots. If a child or staff member has a temperature, sickness, diarrhoea, skin irregularities or an infectious disease identified below, they will not be allowed into Greenshoots.

Infectious diseases include:

- Sickness / diarrhoea
- Chickenpox
- Measles
- German Measles (Rubella)
- Mumps
- Scabies
- Impetigo
- Influenza
- Coronavirus - Covid-19

We follow guidelines on infectious diseases given in the ‘Spotty Book’ and also refer to the Public Health England Guidance on Infection Control in Schools and other Childcare Settings document for guidance on infectious diseases and the recommended exclusion periods.

We follow Public Health England - South West Health Protection Team Guidance for Childcare and Educational Settings in the management of Covid-19.

We follow the Department for Education Actions for early years and childcare providers during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak.

Your doctor can also advise you of how long the ‘stay at home’ period for certain diseases is. Please note that we will not allow your child to return to the Greenshoots unless we are satisfied that he/she is no longer infectious.

Please be mindful of this requirement. Although it may seem extreme, especially if the child or adult in question does not seem to be very ill, it is in place to ensure the health and safety of all children and adults and is there to stop viruses and infections spreading.

If a child becomes ill whilst at Greenshoots:

If your child becomes ill whilst at the Greenshoots, our staff will comfort and reassure them and we will contact you straight away. If we cannot contact you we will continue to care for your child until we can get in touch with you. The manager will also be notified by the staff involved as to the nature of the illness as soon as possible.

Please do not send your child back to Greenshoots until they are fully recovered.

In the unlikely event that your child becomes seriously ill and that emergency treatment is needed and you cannot be contacted immediately, then we will call an ambulance, or take your child to hospital and we will contact you as soon as possible. We will make sure that your child's personal details are taken with them to the hospital and if necessary accompany them in an ambulance. If we are aware that a social worker is working with you and your family we will also inform them.

If a child displays symptoms of Coronavirus whilst at Greenshoots:

- If children display symptoms whilst in the setting they will be isolated, in the cloakroom/ reception area by the front door (with the door open), from the other children with a staff member.
- Parents will be contacted immediately and expected to collect their child within 30 minutes as agreed on parent declaration.
- The isolation area will be deep cleaned daily and after use immediately.
- We have an isolation box which can be quickly accessed if a child needs to isolate. The contents will include PPE for a staff member.
- We will notify all relevant agencies if we suspect a case of Covid-19 and follow the guidance given.
- We will follow the PHE Management of Covid - 19 flowchart which is displayed around the setting for all staff to refer to.
- Anyone displaying symptoms will be advised to get a test. Guidance on this procedure is outlined in our Covid-19 policy. Greenshoots will support parents to access a test.
- Children do not need to be sent home if another child has displayed symptoms. We will wait for test results of a symptomatic child's test and advise from there.
- Greenshoots will work with test and trace where necessary.
- We will notify OFSTED if we have a positive case.

Infectious and Notifiable diseases:

If Greenshoots is notified that a child or staff member has an infectious disease, then we will inform all parents / carers and advise them about what action they may need to take. If a child or staff member has vomited or has diarrhoea then a 48 hour exclusion period is required before returning to Greenshoots.

If the setting has reason to believe that any child is suffering from a notifiable disease identified as such in the Public Health (Infectious Diseases) Regulations 1988 we will inform Public Health England and OFSTED. We will seek advice from local health services, such as the Devon Cornwall and Somerset PSE Centre - 0344 225 3557, a Communicable Diseases Medical Consultant, the Local Authority Environmental Health Officer or paediatric services.

If there is an outbreak of an infectious illness in the provision we would seek advice on the course of action to take from the Devon Cornwall and Somerset PHE Centre - 0344 225 3557. We would inform parents / carers and advise them what action they may need to take. Procedures that may need to be put in to place include cleaning and sterilising of resources or equipment or disposal of contaminated resources or equipment. In extreme cases the setting may need to close temporarily to stop the spread of the infectious disease.

Exclusion for the use of Antibiotics:

Children may need to be kept at home for a short time after starting a course of antibiotics in case they have an allergic reaction to it, particularly if it is a new medication which they have not had before. Greenshoots will not give the first dose of a new medication to a child for this reason. The need for potential exclusion for the use of antibiotics will be reviewed on a case by case basis. For each situation we will assess the potential impact on the child and other children, the reason for needing antibiotics, whether the child is infectious and whether they appear unwell in themselves. In some cases there may not be the need to exclude a child, or a short exclusion period will be considered. When considering exclusion, our decisions will focus on what type of illness the child has rather than the medication the child is taking.

Useful Contact Information

Devon, Cornwall and Somerset PHE Centre
Richmond Court
Emperor Way
Exeter Business Park
Exeter Devon
EX1 3QS
Tel: 0344 225 3557

Ofsted – 0300 123 1231

[Department of Education Helpline \(Covid-19\) - 0800 046 8687](tel:08000468687)

[Public Health England HPT \(Covid-19\) - 0300 303 8162](tel:03003038162)

This policy was adopted on: _____

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