



Sick child policy

BHCC believe that sick children are best cared for at home. However, we understand that children become ill quickly without prior warning. In these circumstances the following guidelines will be followed:

- Parents will be called immediately to make arrangements to collect their child.
- Whilst waiting, the child will be kept comfortable in a quiet place under the constant supervision of an adult.
- Where needed, the child will be separated from other children.

If a child becomes unwell with a high temperature (as a general rule a temperature of 38 is a fever) we will make the child comfortable and ring the child's parent/carer. If the child is distressed by the fever we will ask for permission to administer Paracetamol. We will request that the child is picked immediately and cared for at home. Whilst waiting for the parent we will ensure the child is kept hydrated and kept cool if the environment is warm.

If staff become very concerned about a child's health, advice will be gained by the 111 service or the child will be taken to hospital by ambulance, parents will be informed at all times. If the centre cannot get hold of the child's next of kin we will ring the emergency contact as stated on the child's admission form

Following the Health Protection agency guidance parents will be asked to keep children with infectious diseases which require an isolation period away from the BHCC for the required amount of time. If a child has sickness and/or diarrhoea, parents are asked to keep the child at home for a minimum of 48 hours after the last episode.