

**St Oswald's Pre-school**  
**Sick Child Policy**

**Policy Review**

This policy will be reviewed in full by the owner and deputy manager annually.

The policy was last reviewed and agreed by the owner and deputy manager on **27<sup>th</sup> March 2018**

It is due for review on **27<sup>th</sup> March 2019** (up to 12 months from the above date).

Signature .....  
**Owner/Manager**

Date .....

Signature .....  
**Deputy Manager**

Date .....

We have developed a list in order to guide the parent's decision in whether or not your child should be in school. Please refer to the list if you are unsure of our Sick Child policy.

1. If your child has a temperature over 102 degrees and exhibits behaviour changes or other signs that your child does not feel well enough to participate comfortably in the daily activities; please keep your child home until his/her behaviour returns to normal.
2. If your child has had diarrhoea in the past 48 hours; please keep your child at home until the child has been diarrhoea-free for 48 hours.
3. If your child is vomiting; please keep your child home for up to 48 hours after the vomiting has ended.
4. If your child has a runny nose, accompanied by fever and a change in behaviour, or difficulty breathing; please keep your child home until the child is acting better and fever free.
5. If your child is experiencing itchy, watery eyes (often symptoms of conjunctivitis); please keep your child home until the condition has been evaluated and treatment has begun.
6. If your child exhibits an unexplained skin rash; please keep your child home until the condition has been evaluated and treated.

As parents, use your best judgment in determining your child's health. Please take your child seriously when he/she says they are not feeling well.

You, as the parents, are ultimately responsible for determining your child's ability to actively participate in the daily activities at pre-school. While we sympathise with the needs of each parent and their child, we must provide a healthy environment for all children in pre-school. A sick child often needs special, one-on-one attention. It is difficult for a key person to take time away from other children to devote special attention to a sick child.

We have instituted this policy to avoid any confusion over the health and well being of our children. The carers at St. Oswald's Pre-School appreciate your compliance with our Sick Child Policy. As always, feel free to call if you are uncertain about your child's condition. As a general rule, if your child is not up to par due to illness, please keep your child at home.