**SCOTFORTH AFTER SCHOOL CLUB**

**INFECTIOUS & COMMUNICABLE DISEASES**

STATEMENT -The club has a commitment and responsibility to protect the health of children and staff. As such, it will sometimes be necessary to require a sick child or adult to be collected early from a session and to be kept off until they are fit to return. In all cases, the provisions of the sick children policy will be adhered to. We will share all relevant information about the nature and source of the disease with parents, OFSTED and any relevant external organisation and take appropriate steps to contain the spread of infections and diseases.

MINIMUM EXCLUSION PERIODS FOR ILLNESS AND DISEASES

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| Antibiotics prescribed | First 24 hours |
| Covid 19 | 3 to 4 days from the start of the illness or when well enough to return |
| Chicken Pox | 7 days from when the rash first appeared. |
| Conjunctivitis | 24 hours or until the eye has stopped 'weeping' |
| Diarrhoea/Vomiting | 48 hours after last time of vomiting |
| Diphtheria | 2-5 days |
| Gastro-enteritis/Food poisoning/ | 48 hours |
| Salmonella/Dysentery | 48 hours |
| Glandular fever | Until certified well by a doctor |
| Hand, foot and mouth disease | During acute phase while rash and ulcers present |
| Hepatitis A | 7 days from onset of jaundice & when recovered |
| Hepatitis B | Until clinically well |
| High temperature | 24 hours |
| Impetigo | Until the skin has healed |
| Infective hepatitis | 7 days from the onset |
| Measles | 7 days from when the rash first appeared |
| Meningitis | Until certified well |
| Mumps | 7 days minimum or until swelling subsides |
| Pediculosis (lice) | Until treatment has been given |
| Pertussis (Whooping cough) | 21 days from the onset |
| Plantar warts | Should be treated and covered |
| Poliomyelitis | Until certified well |
| Ringworm of the scalp | Until cured |
| Ringworm of the body | Until treatment has been given |
| Rubella (German Measles) | 4 days from onset of rash |
| Scabies | Until treatment has been given |
| Scarlet fever and streptococcal | 24 hours after treatment is started (antibiotics) |
| Throat infection | 3 days from start of treatment |
| Tuberculosis | Until declared free from infection by a doctor |
| Typhoid fever | Until declared free from infection by a doctor |
| Warts (inc. Verrucae) | Exclusion not necessary |

If in doubt, contact the local health services or NHS direct. HEAD LICE -Where a case of head lice is discovered at the club, the situation will be handled sensitively and discreetly. The child will not be isolated from other children and there is no need for them to be excluded from activities. When the child is collected, their parent will be informed discreetly. A letter will be sent out to parents alerting them to the presence of head lice at the club, including advice and guidance on treatment.

# CHILD HEALTH POLICY

## ILLNESS –

In the interests of the child concerned and the welfare of other children, children who are obviously poorly should not attend the club. Any children who are too ill to be at the club or are infectious will be excluded until their parents can demonstrate that they are fit to return. Whilst we do not wish to cause further distress or inconvenience by taking this action, we believe that the club is not an appropriate environment for a sick child and have the welfare of other children and staff to consider.
It is the responsibility of parents to notify the club of any infectious conditions which their children may have developed. This information will be treated in confidence but will be useful in informing other parents and taking action where the infection is notifiable.

If a child becomes ill whilst at the club, we will act in the child's best interests in order to make them comfortable whilst endeavouring to protect other children at the club from illness and infection. Any child who becomes ill will be removed from their group to a quiet area in the care of the co-ordinator or other member of staff. The child's condition will be closely monitored as well as their level of distress. If it is felt that the child is too ill to wait to be collected, their parent will be contacted and asked to collect them. Details will be recorded in the appropriate book and confidentiality maintained.

## FIRST AID –

If a child suffers an injury whilst at the club, staff will administer appropriate First Aid. All staff should be paediatric first aid trained and at least one person will be on duty who is pediatric qualified in First Aid techniques and a fully supplied First Aid box will be kept on site which meets the required standards. Where the injury is sufficiently serious, the child's parent will be informed immediately and the child will be taken to hospital for treatment. If the nature of the injury is such that being moved could further injure the child, the area will be cleared and made safe and an ambulance called. All accidents must be recorded in the accident book. Accidents of a sufficiently serious nature will be reported Child protection and OFSTED and a report compiled by the manager, which will be made available to all parents.

## MEDICATION –

Care is needed in the administration of all medication. Staff will only administer prescription medication supplied by the parent which is prescribed for the child by a doctor and when prior written consent has been received. All medication must be clearly labelled with the child's name and the correct dosage. It should be stored securely and appropriately, away from other children. In all cases, the parent must complete the Medication Information Form before medication is administered. A log needs to be kept of when medication is administered, signed and dated to show the parent during collection.

> Statutory Framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage 2024. Safeguarding& Welfare Requirements: Paediatric First Aid, (3.30) Health (3.52,3.53) Safety and suitability of premises environment and equipment (3.63,3.64)