

<div>SCAMPS+ SCHOLARS</div> <div>Killorglin Community Childcare Centre CLG</div>			<div>ILLNESS CONTROL POLICY</div>		
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It is the policy of the Scamps and Scholars to promote a healthy lifestyle through prevention of illness. The service will comply with all relevant legislation in this area including:

The Child Care Act 1992
The Child Care (Childcare Centre Services) Regulations 2006
Childcare Regulations 2016

PLEASE DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO THE CHILDCARE SERVICE IF HE/SHE IS UNWELL

If your child is unwell we cannot care for your child within the Centre. Sick children may pass on disease and illness causing cross infection to other children and/or staff. This may also lead to staff absences thus affecting the child/adult ratio.

Procedure for High Temperature Management:

Calpol or Nurofen will only be administered if the child has a high temperature. The parent will be contacted before administering this medication. If a parent does not want staff to administer Calpol or Nurofen for a high temperature, they must be prepared to collect the child within 10 mins of receiving the phone call about the high temperature. If there is no change to temperature 30/40 mins after taking the medication, the parent will be contacted to take the child home. The recommended dose indicated on the box or bottle of the Calpol or Nurofen will only be administered unless otherwise directed by a prescription.

If a child presents with a high temperature of 38°C or more in the centre and is sent home, in order to return to the centre the next day they need to be high temperature free overnight without the requirement for medication to reduce the temperature. If on returning to the centre the child presents with another high temperature the parents will be contacted and the child will need to remain at home for a period of 24 hours.

LONG-TERM / CHRONIC HEALTH CONDITIONS:

- Chronic health conditions, which may require repeated prescription medication treatments, such as respiratory conditions (asthma) as well as dermatological/skin conditions (eczema) are some examples of these chronic conditions.

There are strict guidelines as to the medication that can be given to children in a childcare service. Staff may give prescribed medication for long-term or chronic health conditions once medication forms are completed by parent / guardian and prescriptions for the medication are available also. Any administration of medication during a child's day with us must be acknowledged and signed by a parent daily.

PERIODS OF EXCLUSION FROM CENTRE DUE TO ILLNESS

WHEN SHOULD MY CHILD RETURN TO SCHOOL/ CHILDCARE?				
Chicken Pox	Conjunctivitis	Diarrhoea or Vomiting	Flu	Glandular Fever
When scabs are dry	Until eyes are no longer weeping	48 hours after the last episode	5 days after start of illness	No need to stay out*
Hand, foot & mouth	Head Lice	Impetigo	Measles	Mumps
No need to stay out*	See Head Lice policy	When scabs are dry or 24 hours after starting antibiotics	4 days after rash appears	5 days after swelling appears
Scabies	Scarlet Fever	Slapped Cheek	Threadworms	Whooping Cough
After first treatment	24 hours after starting antibiotics	No need to stay out*	No need to stay out*	5 days after starting antibiotics or 21 days after start of illness
Prescribed Antibiotic	High Temperature	Gastroenteritis Dysentery	Infective hepatitis	German Measles
First 24 hours at home	Clear overnight to return next morning	Until authorised by G.P.	7 days from onset of jaundice	4 days from appearance of the rash

This information is based on the Management of Infectious Diseases in Schools guidance document.

*No need to stay out if child is well but school or childcare provider should be informed.

Scamps & Scholars reserves the right to seek medical clearance for a child to return to the service if concerns regarding their well being and that of the group setting is potentially compromised.

A doctors note of clearance for any of the above listed conditions or others that are presented through the year that are not on the fore-mentioned list, may be sought at the Managers discretion.

Management discretion may apply to any of the above illnesses, if parents can establish and substantiate that the illness in question and the ramifications of same, are not appropriate to their child. The Managers decision is final.