

SICKNESS POLICY

At Tuba's Play House Childminding setting, we strive to provide a safe and healthy environment for all children in our care. We understand that children may become ill from time to time, and we have policies in place to manage these situations.

Illness during attendance:

If your child becomes unwell during their attendance at Tuba's Play House, we will contact you immediately and ask that you come to collect your child as soon as possible. We will ensure that your child is cared for in a separate area, away from other children, until you arrive.

Illness before attendance:

If your child is unwell before their scheduled attendance at Tuba's Play House, we ask that you keep them at home until they are fully recovered. This is to protect the health of other children and our staff. Please inform us as soon as possible if your child is unwell and unable to attend.

When to stay off:

Children should stay at home if they have any of the following symptoms:

- A fever (temperature of 38°C or higher)
- Vomiting or diarrhea
- A rash that is spreading rapidly
- A heavy cold, or persistent cough
- Conjunctivitis (pink eye)
- Head lice, until they have been treated

When to return:

Children should only return to Tuba's Play House when they have fully recovered, and any risk of contagion has passed. The length of time your child should stay at home will depend on the nature of their illness. We follow the guidelines set out by Public Health England, which state:

- Diarrhea and vomiting: 48 hours from the last episode
- Fever: 24 hours from the last episode
- Conjunctivitis (pink eye): Child can return once they have received treatment for 24 hours
- Head lice: Child can return once they have received treatment

If you are unsure about whether your child is well enough to return to Tuba's Play House, please seek advice from your doctor.

If you decide to bring your child to the setting despite them showing symptoms of illness, we will not refuse admission. However, please be aware that if your child becomes unwell while at the setting, we will contact you to collect them as soon as possible to prevent the spread of infection to others. This is to protect the health of other children and our staff.

If a child has been absent due to illness for an extended period of time, the childminder will work with the parents and any external agencies involved to assess the child's needs and determine if any additional support or accommodations are necessary for a successful return to the setting.

Hygiene:

We take hygiene very seriously at our setting and encourage all children to practice good hygiene habits, such as washing their hands regularly and covering their mouths when they cough or sneeze. We also regularly clean and disinfect our premises and equipment to prevent the spread of illness.

We understand that it can be difficult for parents when their child is unwell, especially if they are paying for childcare. However, we must prioritize the health and safety of all children in our care. If you have any concerns or questions about our sickness policy, please do not hesitate to speak to us.