



## **Sickness Procedure**

### **Guidelines for when a child may need to be sent home**

Children are usually only sent home under the following circumstances-

- A high temperature – above 38°C
- Vomiting – large amount or projectile not just small amount after a bottle feed or a phlegmy vomit due to a chesty cough.
- Diarrhoea- a sudden onset of two or more liquid or semi-liquid stools in a 24hr period
- Significant injury which requires further medical attention e.g. a deep cut or bump to the head followed by drowsiness.
- Sudden appearance of a rash/significant amount of spots.

### **Procedure for sending sick children home**

The Lead Adult must check with the Line Manager before a child is sent home.

The Line Manager is Penny or Denise, in Penny's absence.

- 1) For children that are clingy but 'OK' i.e. doesn't have a temperature, vomiting or diarrhoea, a phone call home should be made to ask for permission to administer paracetamol medicine.
- 2) Check that the child has medication available. If we don't have Calpol available for that child, the parent/carer needs to be asked to come in to administer medication to the child.
- 3) After speaking to the parent, administer medication and make a record.
- 4) Wait 30 minutes for the medication to take effect. If there is no improvement within the child, check with the line manager before making arrangements for the child to be sent home.

*No child should be sent home without agreement from the Line Manager.*