



## **Care of Sick Children/Illness Policy**

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### **Policy Statement**

Under no circumstances should a sick child, or a child displaying symptoms of illness, be brought to an activity session. Sick children are best cared for at home where they can recover fully. Allowing unwell children to attend, places other children and staff at risk of infection, which can then spread further through our sessions and beyond.

As some of the children who attend our activities have weakened immune systems, it is vital that parents/carers follow this policy to help protect all children and staff.

### **Care of Sick Children**

- To control the spread of infection we need to exclude children with sickness and infectious illnesses from all of our activities.
- If a child becomes ill during a session, staff will make every effort to keep the child comfortable. The Area Manager will contact parents/carers to arrange collection, which must take place within 1 hour.
- If a parent/carer cannot be reached, or have not arrived within an hour, the emergency contact person will be called and asked to come and collect the child.
- If a child is prescribed antibiotics, they must have been taking the medication for at least 48 hours before returning to sessions. This allows time to ensure there are no adverse reactions and reduces the risk of the infection spreading to others.
- Children with diarrhoea and/or vomiting must remain at home until at least 48 hours after the last symptoms have resolved. If symptoms persist, families should consult their GP.
- Parents/carers must notify staff if their child has been given any medication or if they suspect their child may be unwell.
- If a parent/carer has given their child medication for a high temperature on the morning of a session, the child must not attend that day.