



## **Procedure for unwell children and infectious diseases**

- Stepping Stones adheres to the guidance on infection control in school and other childcare settings set by the Health Protection Agency.
- Children should not be sent to Stepping Stones if they are unwell and not less than 48 hours after being sick or having diarrhea.
- Parents/Care givers should inform Stepping Stones by Telephone 01225 350015 or text/phone 07957826722 if their child is unwell and will be absent.
- Our policy for the exclusion of ill or infectious children is discussed with parents and we will follow the procedure for contacting parents or other authorized adults if a child becomes unwell while in our setting.
- Stepping Stones will only provide care for children who become unwell whilst in the setting, (develop a temperature or an infectious condition) until parent/care givers or another authorized adult can collect the child from our setting.
- Parents are notified if an infectious disease such as Chicken pox has been reported.
- Parents are notified if there is a case of head lice in the setting  
Children with head lice are not excluded but must be treated along with all members of the household to remedy the condition.
- Good hygiene practice to reduce the spread of infection will be carried out at all times.
- Specific or medical conditions may affect children or families attending the setting. Children or families will not be excluded because of these providing appropriate procedures to support safety and/or cross infection are followed in accordance with Health Protection Agency guidance.
- Ofsted will be notified of any infectious diseases deemed notifiable by a qualified medical professional.