**Sickness Policy**

**Daisy Chain Mobile Telephone number for reporting sickness:**

0641936407 **(During playgroup hours)**

0641936407 **(Outside playgroup hours)**

It is our duty of care to ensure the health and safety of all children of Daisy Chain and their families, friends and staff. With this in mind we therefore ask that all parents adhere to the sickness policy as outlined below and understand the need for this approach.

It is in the interests of all, that parents keep their child home if showing signs of illness to prevent other children, parents or staff becoming ill themselves. The staff of Daisy Chain in line with general health and safety and in compliance with Daisy chain playgroup policy **will therefore not accept** children when they are sick.

When a child is sick their behaviour may be unpredictable and it is the parents’ responsibility to ensure that appropriate medical advice has been sought.

If your **child is sick and is unable to attend** a Daisy Chain session, **please ring Daisy Chain** at the above mentioned telephone numbers to inform staff of the child’s absence and the nature of the illness.

If a child becomes unwell whilst attending Playschool:

The parents (or designated carer) will be contacted immediately so that the child can be taken home as soon as possible and if needed given medical attention.

Please do not come to Daisy Chain if your child:

1. Is acting sick

2. Has thick nasal secretions

3. Has diarrhoea

4. Has vomited within 48 hours

5. Has a fever

6. Has eye drainage or bloodshot eyes (might be conjunctivitis)

7. Has a sore throat

8. Has a cough

9. Has developed a spot-like rash following a low-grade fever and tiredness (it might be chicken pox)

10. Has been on antibiotics for less than 48 hours

If your child has had a cold or flu, they may only return to Daisy Chain once all symptoms have cleared.

In the event that your child is diagnosed with a communicable disease, please contact Daisy Chain immediately to ensure that the staff may contact parents and take appropriate measures.

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| If your child has a clear runny nose then use your intuition as to whether it is sickness or an allergy. (It is likely to still be contagious if it is after a cold or flu). |