

BEE ACTIVE

Sickness and exclusion Policy

Dear Parents and Guardians,

At Bee Active Childcare, the well-being and safety of your precious children are at the heart of everything we do. We understand the trust you place in us to provide a nurturing and secure environment for your little ones. To uphold this commitment, we have developed our Child Sickness and Exclusion Policy, which we would like to share with you.

Our Shared Responsibility:

We believe that maintaining the health of our daycare community is a shared responsibility between our dedicated staff and you, the parents and guardians. We want to work together to ensure the well-being of all children in our care.

Vigilant Symptom Monitoring:

Our caring staff members are trained to carefully monitor your child throughout their time at our daycare nursery. We keep a watchful eye for any signs of illness, such as fever, vomiting, diarrhea, rashes, persistent coughs, or unusual fatigue. If we notice any of these symptoms, we want to assure you that we will promptly inform you.

When to Keep Your Child Home:

To maintain a healthy environment for all children, we kindly request your cooperation in the following circumstances:

- **Fever:** If your child has a fever (temperature of 100.4°F/38°C or higher), we kindly ask that you keep them home until they have been fever-free for at least 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication.
- **Vomiting and Diarrhea:** Children who have experienced vomiting or diarrhea should remain at home until they have been symptom-free for at least 24 hours.
- **Contagious Diseases:** If your child is diagnosed with a contagious illness (such as chickenpox, strep throat, or conjunctivitis), we kindly request that they stay home until they are no longer

contagious, as determined by a healthcare professional or in accordance with local health guidelines.

- **Unexplained Rash:** In the case of an unexplained rash, we kindly request that you keep your child home until a healthcare professional confirms that it is non-contagious and safe for them to return.
- **Persistent Cough:** Children with a persistent, severe cough should also remain at home until the cough has improved or resolved.

Temperature Checks with Care:

To ensure the health and safety of all children, we have implemented an additional measure. When you arrive to pick up your child, one of our staff members will gently take their temperature using a thermometer. Please understand that this is done with the utmost care and concern for your child's well-being. If their temperature measures 100.4°F/38°C or higher, we kindly request that your child not return to the daycare nursery until they have been fever-free for at least 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication.

Our Commitment to Cleanliness and Hygiene:

We want to assure you that we maintain rigorous hygiene and sanitization practices. High-touch surfaces and toys are regularly sanitized to reduce the risk of disease transmission. We also encourage all parents to ensure their children are up-to-date with recommended vaccinations to prevent vaccine-preventable diseases.

Conclusion:

We deeply appreciate your trust and cooperation in helping us maintain a safe and healthy environment for all children at Bee Active Childcare. Your understanding and commitment to these guidelines are invaluable in ensuring the well-being of our daycare community.

Please know that this policy is subject to review and update as needed to align with current health guidelines and best practices.

Thank you for entrusting us with the care of your children.

Warm regards,

The Bee Active Childcare team

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