***ILLNESS***

The health and well-being of your child is of primary importance to us. To ensure a healthy environment for your child-: a child who is ill must be kept at home for at least the stated amount of time, especially when the following symptoms occur-:

* **Please see attached guidance by Health Protection Agency**

A child who is brought to playgroup with any of these conditions or symptoms cannot be admitted, and will have to be taken home by the parent/carer. If any of these symptoms develop after a child has been admitted to playgroup the parent/carer will be called and informed of the child’s condition and will need to arrange for the child to be picked up. If you have personal commitments which make it difficult to collect your child, please ensure that you have a reliable emergency person to look after your child should the need arise.

This policy is for the health and well-being of all the children at Farington playgroup and enables us to provide the best possible environment for your child. Please let us know by contacting playgroup if your child is unable to attend on a given day.

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* Head lice or nits please let us know if your child has head lice and then we can inform the rest of the parents to be aware. Please treat your child before returning to playgroup.

In case of minor accidents, the staff will administer suitable First Aid. In the event of serious injury or illness, parents will be contacted immediately and the appropriate medical assistance sought.

A First-Aid box is kept in playgroup and we have qualified First aider's on duty at all times. If an accident occurs then it will be recorded in the accident book and parents will be informed as they collect their child and will be asked to sign the accident book. In the event of an accident requiring hospital attention, the emergency contact number will be notified immediately. A member of staff will accompany the child to hospital in an ambulance if necessary.

***DISPOSAL OF RUBBISH/CONTAMINATED ITEMS***

Rubber gloves must be worn at all times when dealing with any blood or other bodily secretions, rubber gloves/aprons must only be used once and then disposed of in the bin. Parents with children in nappies must provide their own nappies a change of clothes, and nappy sacs, which are to be disposed of in the nappy bin.

All children and helpers are to wash their hands after a trip to the toilet; soap and paper towels are provided and should be disposed of in the bin.

General rubbish throughout playgroup is to be disposed of in the swing bin provided in the kitchen.