



## Culham After School Club

### **Policies and Procedures**

#### **Infectious and Communicable Diseases**

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**Culham After School Club is committed to the health and safety of all children and staff who play, learn and work here. As such, it will sometimes be necessary to require a child who is unwell to be collected early from a session or be kept at home while s/he gets better. In such cases, the provisions of the Health, Illness and Emergency policy will be implemented.**

In accordance with the procedures set out in the Health, Illness and Emergency policy, parents/carers will be notified immediately if their child has become ill and needs to go home. Children who are unwell will be comforted, kept safe and under close supervision until they are collected.

If a child has had to go home prematurely due to illness, they should remain at home until they are better for at least 24 hours, or according to the times set out in the table below. If a member of staff is ill, similar restrictions on their return will apply.

If a child or member of staff becomes ill outside Club hours, they should notify the Club as soon as possible. The minimum exclusion periods, as defined by the Health Protection Agency, will then come into operation.

If any infectious or communicable disease is detected on the Club's premises, the Club will inform parents/carers personally in writing as soon as possible. The Club is committed to sharing as much information as possible about the source of the disease and the steps being taken to remove it. Ofsted will also be informed of any infectious or communicable diseases as defined by the Health Protection Agency.

Ofsted will be notified of any food poisoning affecting two or more children looked after on the premises, any child having meningitis or the outbreak on the premises of any notifiable disease identified as such in the Public Health (Control of Disease) Act 1984 or because the notification requirement has been applied to them by regulations (the relevant regulations are the Public Health (Infectious Diseases) Regulations 1988) (see [www.hpa.org.uk](http://www.hpa.org.uk)).

#### **Head lice**

When a case of head lice is discovered at the Club, the situation will be handled carefully and sensitively. The child concerned will not be isolated from other children, and there is no need for them to be excluded from activities or sessions at the Club.

When the child concerned is collected, their parent/carer will be informed in a sensitive manner.



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Other parents/carers will be informed as quickly as possible in writing, including advice and guidance on treating head lice.

Staff should check themselves regularly for head lice and treat whenever necessary.

### **Sources of information about infectious illnesses**

Health Protection Agency – [www.hpa.org.uk](http://www.hpa.org.uk)

NHS- [www.nhs.uk/symptomcheckers](http://www.nhs.uk/symptomcheckers)

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