

12.3 Hand, foot, and mouth

Hand, foot, and mouth disease is a common childhood illness that can also affect adults. It usually gets better on its own in 7 to 10 days.

- It is advised by Public Health that children should not be excluded from settings if they are presenting with Hand, Foot and Mouth symptoms *providing* they do not have a temperature or are feeling unwell, however as a Preschool we have made the decision for children **to remain off** Preschool until they are clear of this infection.

This decision has been made for various valid reasons, including the speed that virus spreads, how incredibly contagious it is and how it affects the running of the Preschool if our staff should contract it.

- Extra care should be taken around a child that has presented with Hand, Foot and Mouth, and towels/cloths should not be shared, but washed immediately.
- Parents should be contacted immediately for their child to be collected.
- Staff are to remain vigilant for themselves as well as other children in the nursery, should they present with any symptoms.
- A notification to all parents will be sent out by administration staff, to notify parents that Hand, Foot, and Mouth is present in the setting, and for parents to be vigilant.

For more information, please visit www.nhs.uk/conditions/hand-foot-mouth-disease/

This policy was adopted by	_____	(name of provider)
On	_____	(date)
Date to be reviewed	_____	(date)
Signed on behalf of the provider	_____	
Name of signatory	_____	
Role of signatory (e.g. chair, director or owner)	_____	

Last Updated 01/09/2023

To be updated again on 01/09/2024