



THE MOUNTAIN CAMBRIDGE SCHOOL

POLICY S12P9

S12: HUMAN NEED

**P9: SICK CHILDREN IN PRE-
PRIMARY**

Mountain Cambridge Little School - Sick learner policy

Purpose

We aim to maintain the health of all children, staff and their families, ensuring a healthy environment and minimising cross contamination and the spread of infectious illnesses. Sick learners should be kept at home if they are unwell.

Children arriving at Mountain Cambridge Little School who are unwell

Teachers/ Management will not accept a child into care if they:

- Are unwell and unable to participate in normal activities or require additional attention
- Have had a temperature, vomiting and/or diarrhoea in the last 24 hours
- Have started anti-biotics in the last 48 hours
- Have a contagious illness or disease
- Have been given medication for a temperature (Panadol etc.)

Children who become ill at Mountain Cambridge Little School

Children may become unwell throughout the day, in which case Management and Teachers will respond to children's individual symptoms of illness:

- Teachers will monitor and document the child's symptoms and communicate to the parents/guardian that the learner should be fetched immediately.
- A child who has passed a runny stool/vomited whilst at the school will be sent home immediately
- Teachers will take the child's temperature. If the child's temperature is 37,5°C or higher, management will contact the child's parents/guardian/emergency contacts as soon as possible to have the child picked up.
- Teachers will attempt to lower the child's temperature by:
 - Taking off their shoes and socks
 - Applying a cool washing cloth behind their neck and on their forehead
 - Removing extra clothing layers (jumpers etc.)
- Place the child in a quiet area where they can rest, whilst being supervised.

Children may only return to school once they are well and no longer displaying symptoms.

Families Responsibility

In order to prevent the spread of disease, families are required to monitor their child's health, and not send them to school if the child displays any of these symptoms in

particular:

- Runny, green nose
- High temperature
- Diarrhoea
- Red, swollen or discharging eyes
- Vomiting
- Rashes (red/purple)
- Irritability, unusually tired or lethargic
- Drowsiness
- Breathing difficulty
- Poor circulation
- Poor feeding
- Poor urine output
- A stiff neck or sensitivity to light
- Pain
 - Excessive coughing

We request that families should keep up to date with their child's immunisation, providing a copy of the updated immunisation schedule to Mountain Cambridge Little School.

Returning to care after surgery

- Children who have undergone any type of surgery will need to take advice from their doctor/surgeon as to when it is appropriate to return to care.
- Children will require a medical clearance stating the child is fit and able to return to the Mountain Cambridge Little School and participate in daily activities.