

Poorly children do not enjoy preschool. They like cuddles at home.

If parents are calling about their children please follow the following advice:

SYMPTOM	ADVICE
Does the child have a temperature? <i>37.8°C or above or feels hot to touch on their chest and back if you do not have a thermometer.</i>	Keep the child at home for at least for 48 hours. If child does not improve: The whole family will need to self isolate until a Covid-19 test result is received. Follow Covid-19 guidance.
Does the child have a new or persistent cough? The NHS describes a new, persistent cough as “ <i>coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)</i> ”	Keep the child at home for at least for 48 hours. If child does not improve: Your whole family will need to self isolate until a Covid-19 test result is received. Follow Covid-19 guidance.
Runny nose?	Keep the child at home until you are sure this is just a common cold, and at least for 48 hours. If any Covid symptoms are present then you must get a test.
Diarrhoea and/or sickness	Please keep your child at home until 48 hours have passed since the last episode of sickness or diarrhoea.
Suspected ear infection/urine infection/tonsillitis	Keep the child at home for at least for 48 hours. If child does not improve: As all these illnesses are generally accompanied by a temperature, we will expect you to arrange a covid test for your child. Follow Covid-19 guidance.
Rash anywhere on face or body (NOTE If this rash does not fade/disappear under the pressure of a clear drinking glass you must seek urgent medical advice by calling 999)	See a GP to have the rash diagnosed. If your child is feeling well and 48 hours have passed since the rash appeared and the GP has not been able to diagnose a specific illness your child may return to preschool. If your GP diagnoses a specific illness please follow the exclusion times for that illness.
Conjunctivitis	Children will need to be using prescribed cream before they can return to preschool. Otherwise they may return once the infection has cleared.
Generally under the weather / lethargic / tearful and sleepy.	Keep the child at home until you are sure this is just a common cold, and at least for 48 hours.