

## Edenderry Nursery School Children's Illness Policy

### **Vision**

Children in the nursery setting are feeling well and happy and therefore able to learn effectively.

### **Mission**

- For pupils attending to feel free from illness.
- To minimise the risk of the spread of infections in the nursery.
- For staff to be free to spend time with all the children in their learning and not for example spending time caring for a sick child and trying to contact the child's home.
- For staff to be kept informed of each pupils' state of health.

### **Procedures**

- Children should not attend school if they
  - Have been vomiting during the night/morning
  - Have diarrhoea during the night/ morning
  - Are taking antibiotics
  - Have a temperature
  - Have stomach/ body pains
  - Have severe cold symptoms, a runny nose, persistent cough
  - Or, are generally unwell.
- Parents are reminded that a child, who is unwell, will not enjoy nursery or learn to their full potential during this time. It is better for the child to be allowed to fully recuperate from illness at home as this will enable a more speedy recovery.
- Parents are asked to keep in contact with the nursery when their child is unwell.
- Parents are asked to provide at least two emergency telephone numbers on which either they or a carer might be contacted in the event of their child becoming unwell whilst at nursery.

\*See letter to parents