



Leighton United Football Club

RESPONDING TO A 4 OR 5-YEAR-OLD CHILD WHO IS UNWELL OR INFECTIOUS

This procedure is based on the Football Association (FA) Play Safe template:

Children should not be at Leighton United Football Club if they are unwell. This procedure aims to:

1. Ensure that children who become unwell whilst at Leighton United Football Club are treated with sensitivity and respect.
2. Help to protect other children at the club from illness and the spread of infection.

The FA requires parents/carers to 'supervise their child(ren) if they are 4 or 5-years-of-age at each club session they attend. It should be noted this is not about providing childcare'.

We will follow these procedures to ensure the welfare of all children at our club:

- If a child becomes ill during the session, the parent(s) will be asked to take their child home as soon as possible. During this time the parents/carer will remove their child from the session and ideally be cared for in a quiet, calm area, this may be the parent/carer's car if other space is unavailable.
- Whilst it is acknowledged that most club sessions will run once weekly it is important to note that a child with an infectious disease, such as an ear infection or sickness or diarrhoea, should not attend any club sessions until they have been clear for at least 48 hours.
- Illnesses of this nature are very contagious, and it is highly likely this will expose other children to risk of an infection.
- The club reserves the right to refuse access to a club session to a child who is unwell. This decision will be taken by the session leader and is not negotiable.

Diarrhoea and vomiting

- All children must be kept away from the club for a minimum of 48 hours after the last episode of diarrhoea or vomiting. If a child is sent home from the club session the 48 hours exclusion still applies. Children should only return to club sessions if they are well enough and have regained their appetite.

Fever

- All children must be kept away from club sessions for a minimum of 24 hours or until their fever has returned to normal. If a child is sent home from the club session the 24 hours exclusion still applies.

NB. Parents/carers should make the club aware of children's individual medical needs and medicines. However, the club will not administer any medicine – this is the direct responsibility of the parent/carer.