Appendix 2

Immediate management of a diarrhoea and vomiting outbreak within the nursery, pre-school or school setting

- Inform the officer in charge / head teacher / deputy if you believe you have a problem i.e. more than expected numbers of children displaying symptoms or off ill with these symptoms.

- Inform the Community Infection Control Nurse at the local Primary Care Trust who will give you immediate infection control advice

- Inform the Environmental Health Department in case the cause is a food source.

- Exclude children who have symptoms until they are **symptom free for 48 hours**

- Advise staff members who have symptoms to stay off work until they are **symptom free for 48 hours**

- Make a list of symptomatic children and staff. The list should include name and address, telephone number, date when symptoms commenced, date sent home and date returned to work/school. The Environmental Health Practitioner may require this to follow up cases. **SEE APPENDIX 7**

- Ensure the list is updated daily as parents/staff telephone with further details or as children return

- Ensure cleaning staff are made aware of the situation so that environmental cleaning can be increased, especially within toilets and carpeted areas. Regular checks on toilets cleanliness must be made especially at busy times

- Ensure hot water, liquid soap and paper towels are available for hand hygiene, in both staff and child toilets

- Nursery, pre-school or school staff should reinforce good hand hygiene with children especially after going to the toilet and before eating and drinking - supervision of hand washing should be undertaken by staff if appropriate

- Objects, which become contaminated when handled by children or may be placed in the mouth, are of particular significance. It is important that toys are cleaned appropriately after use.

If a child vomits in school
- Cover the vomit with paper towels
- Clean area thoroughly with hot water and detergent
- Staff undertaking cleaning should wear disposable non latex gloves
- Ventilate the area by opening windows.