

Sick Child Procedure

We ask parents and carers not to bring a child to nursery if he or she is unwell. Infections can spread very quickly in a nursery; for example conjunctivitis and stomach upset are two common illnesses.

The nursery must be notified of any child illnesses, sickness or problems before attempting to bring the child to the premises. Each case will then be considered on an individual basis.

In the event that family does not notify nursery of child's absence or nursery has been unable to make contact, this may result in notification to Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub.

We will contact parents of a child who becomes unwell at the Nursery, so that they can make arrangements to collect him or her at the earliest opportunity.

All the staff joining the nursery is expected to attend a recognised First Aid course as soon as it can be arranged. This includes instruction that specifically covers administering First Aid to infants and children.

All accidents to anyone on the premises must be reported immediately to the person in charge, and recorded in the Accident book.

If we become worried about any child who is unwell or who has been injured in an accident, we will contact the ambulance service and /or the child's doctor and follow their advice and authorise treatment in the absence of parent. At the earliest opportunity, we will contact the child's parents or carers.

We ask that parents inform us if a child has been unwell or has been injured during his time away from the nursery. It is most important we are told about a fall or injury, recently suffered, to ensure the best possible continuing care for the child.

Due to health and safety reasons and in compliance with the conditions of our registration with OFSTED, we cannot take children to hospital or to the doctor's surgery for routine appointments but only in an emergency to the hospital following an serious accident or when child need immediate medical attention.

Administering medicine Procedure

- Parents are informed about the administering medicine policy during registration. Parents must provide doctor's prescribed medication with current date and original packaging, which includes date and dosage.
- On the occasion that a child becomes unwell at the nursery,
 - Manager/ Deputy must contact parent by phone and
 - then parent will be asked to collect child if he/she is too distressed or unwell at the nursery.
 - Regarding raised temperature, if nursery is unable to reduce temperature using methods of cooling down, then parent will be informed and if in the event that the parent is unable to reach the nursery in a reasonable time, nursery will administer emergency paracetamol after the emergency consent from the parent regarding dosage and time which is recorded in the child's medication record.
 - If parent requires nursery to administer medicines such as cough syrup or allergy relief (Piriton).
 - A separate medicine consent form must be completed and signed, giving detail of date and duration of administration and dosage.
 - Medicines that the nursery will administer can only be prescribed by the doctor.
 - All medication will be kept out of reach of children in a cupboard, unless refrigeration is needed.
 - If Inhaler or Ventolin is required, the same procedures for consent and instructions will apply.
 - Staff must confirm from parents time of first dosage prior to Nursery and record in communication book. The information needs to be communicated to other member of staff when next to dosage will be.

Exclusion Procedure

Guidance for caring for a sick child /informing parents and carers

When assessing children, staff must take into account the usual condition/personality of the individual, their medical needs and factors that

may affect them (lack of sleep, teething, temperature of room, what they have eaten etc.)

The nursery manager reserves the right to adjust the following guideline at times of a particular outbreak of sickness.

Situation	Staff action
A child has a temperature of 38° Celsius + for a period of 30mins+	Monitor or record every 10 minutes while cooling the child by adjusting clothing, sips of water
A child has a temperature of 38° Celsius +of a period of 30 min +	Parents/carer will be called to advise them of the situation so that they can collect if they wish
A child has a temperature of 39° Celsius+	Parents / carer will be contacted to inform and staff will monitor and record every 10 minutes while cooling the child by adjusting clothing, sis of water
A child has a temperature of 39° Celsius +of a period of 30 min +	Parents/ carer will be contacted to collect their child. Child will be excluded
A child has two very loose bowel movements in a 6 hour period	Parents/carer will be called to advise them of the situation so that they can collect if they wish
A child has a third very loose bowel movements in a 8 hours Period	Parents/ carer will be contacted to collect their child. Child will be excluded
A child vomit once for any reason	Parents/carer will be called to advise them of the situation so that they can collect if they wish
A child vomit twice and it is suspected to be due to gastro problem	Parents/ carer will be contacted to collect their child. Child will be excluded
A child has unexplained rash/ symptoms.	Parents /carer will be called to advise them of the situation so that they can collect/seek medical advice if they wish

A child shows Symptoms of a recognisable sickness	Parent/Carer will be contacted to collect their child. The child will be excluded for the appropriate time period.
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Period of Exclusion

CONJUNCTIVITUS: No exclusion after treatment

CHICKEN POX: Until spots have crusted over

GERMAN MEASLES/RUBELLA AND MEASLES: Minimum 6 days after rash appears.

HEAD LICE: Until treatment has commenced.

MUMPS: For 5 days after the swelling first appears.

RINGWORM OR THREADWORM: until treatment has commenced, affected area must be covered.

SCARLET FEVER: for at least 48 hours once antibiotic have been started.

ANTIBIOTIC: 48 hours exclusion, once antibiotic have been started

DIARRHOEA/VOMITING: if due to (or suspected) Gastro bugs(i.e., not travel sickness or allergy related) 48 hours after the last episode.

HIGH TEMPERATURE; until temperature is normal and the child is well for 24 hours.

This list is not exhaustive and other illness may be subject to exclusion periods and the nursery will take medical advice regarding this if needed (reference to Public Health England)

Helpful Tips:

- * If child is excluded, parents to consult GP and update nursery of outcome.
- * Staff and parents to encourage children to use good hygiene practices at all times.
- * Particular attention is paid to hand washing at all times.
- * Staff and parents to educate children about unprotected coughing.