



## Sick child Policy & Procedure (links to Medication Administration Policy & Food, Health, Hygiene and Safety Policy)

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On admission to pre-school parents are asked to complete their child's immunisation status and existing medical conditions such as allergies, febrile convulsions.

- It is very important Staff are made aware if a child uses an inhaler. Even If the inhaler is generally only used at home, there may be times when the child may need the inhaler in preschool.
- Staff also need to be made aware of any medication a child is taking.
- We do not provide care for children who are unwell, have a temperature, or sickness and diarrhoea, or who have an infectious disease.
- If a child falls ill whilst at preschool parents/carers will be informed as per the contact details on the registration form.
- If parents are unable to be contacted and the child needs medical assistance the medical services will be contacted as per Emergency and Accident Procedure.
- In the case of a child who has a high temperature (above 38 degrees centigrade) Paracetamol may be given under direct authority of a medical professional e.g. GP or ambulance service.
- Any child who has had diarrhoea or vomiting should not return to pre-school until they have been clear for **at least 48 hours**.
- Guidelines on Infectious Diseases are held at pre-school. These are referred to by the supervisor in order to adhere to recommended exclusion periods and actions required.
- If children have been unwell parents/carers are requested to telephone pre-school before bringing their child in to discuss individual cases. The supervisor will consult the guidelines when making decisions about the child's return to the setting.

- Children with head lice are not excluded, but MUST be treated to remedy the condition.
- Parents are notified if there is a case of head lice or parasitical disease at pre-school.
- Parents are notified if there is an infectious disease, such as chicken pox at pre-school.
- HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus) may affect children or families attending pre-school. Staff may or may not be informed about it.
- Children or families are not excluded because of HIV.
- Waterproof gloves must be worn when dealing with bodily fluids at all times.
- Ofsted is notified of any infectious diseases if a qualified medical person considers appropriate or as identified in the Public Health (Infectious Diseases) Regulations 1998.
- If a child has a long term medical condition such as diabetes, the pre-school will meet with parents and health professionals to ensure appropriate training of staff is undertaken and provisions made for the child to attend.

If a child is 'poorly' whilst at pre-school then the following procedure should be followed.

- Keep child comfortable and safe in a quiet area away from the other children.
- Remove excess clothing if the child is warm.
- Contact parents using contact details on registration form.
- Contact emergency services with any concerns, if necessary prior to parents arrival.

If a child is physically sick follow the procedure set out below:

- One member of staff will deal with the child who has been sick by changing their clothing and washing them as necessary.
- Other children will be removed from the direct area while it is cleaned.
- The areas will be cleaned using the correct cleaning materials as set out in the Food, Health, Hygiene and Safety Policy.
- Parents will be contacted using details on the child's registration form.

- The child will be kept separated from the other children until collected.
- The child should be offered a drink of water to rinse their mouth.

Staff in direct contact with a child's bodily fluids such as vomit/diarrhoea/blood should wear an apron and gloves and change clothing if necessary to avoid cross contamination.