

Asmall Nursery And Out of School Care

Managing children who are sick, infectious or with allergies Including reporting notifiable diseases

Safeguarding and Welfare Requirements: Child Protection
Providers must promote good health of the children who attend the setting. They must have a procedure, discussed with parents/or carers, for responding to children who are ill or infectious, take necessary steps to prevent the spread of infection, and take appropriate action if children are ill.

Policy Statement:

At the provision we endeavour to deal promptly and effectively with any illnesses or injuries that may occur while children are in our care. We take all practical steps to keep staff and children safe from communicable diseases.

All parents and carers must complete the registration form when their child starts the provision, giving permission for emergency medical treatment for their child in the event of a serious accident or illness.

Any accidents or illnesses, together with any treatment given, will be recorded on an Accident Record sheet, which the parent or carer will be asked to sign when they collect the child.

The provision cannot accept children who are ill. If any children are ill when they first arrive at the provision we will immediately notify their parents or carers to come and collect them. Any children who have been ill should not return to the provision until they have fully recovered, or until after the minimum exclusion period has expired (see table at the end of this policy).

First aid

Staff have attended 12 hour paediatric first aid training and there is always one of these staff on the premises at all times.

First aid boxes are located in rooms used by both Nursery and Out of School care. The Health and Safety named person regularly checks the contents of the first aid boxes to ensure that they are up to date and comply with the Health and Safety (First Aid) Regulations 1981.

The provisions named person for Health and Safety is: Kirsty Williams, Melissa Howard and Linzy Stockton.

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The senior member of staff will ensure that a first aid kit is taken on all outings. However all staff must still be aware of this too.

Procedure for children who are sick or infectious:

- **If a child becomes ill during a session, the parent or carer will be asked to collect the child as soon as possible. The child will be kept comfortable and will be closely supervised while awaiting collection.**
- **If a child complains of illness which does not impair their overall wellbeing, the child will be monitored for the rest of the session and the parent or carer will be notified when the child is collected.**
- **If a child suffers a minor injury, first aid will be administered and the child will be monitored for the remainder of the session. If necessary, the child's parent will be asked to collect the child as soon as possible.**
- **If a child had a temperature, they will be kept cool by removing top clothing.**
- **Nursery can refuse admittance to a child who has a temperature, sickness and diarrhoea or a contagious infection or disease.**
- **When children have been prescribed antibiotics parents are asked to keep them at home for 48 hours before returning to nursery.**
- **After diarrhoea or sickness parents are asked to keep their child at home for 48 hours before returning to nursery.**

Procedure for a major injury or serious illness

In the event of a child becoming seriously ill or suffering a major injury, the Manager or Deputy at the session will decide whether the child needs to go straight to hospital or whether it is safe to wait for their parent or carer to arrive.

- **If the child needs to go straight to hospital, we will call an ambulance and a member of staff will go to the hospital with the child. The staff member will take the child's Medical Form with them and will consent to any necessary treatment (as approved by the parents on the Medical Form).**
- **We will contact the child's parents or carers with all urgency, and if they are unavailable we will call the other emergency contacts that we have on file for the child.**
- **After a major incident the manager and staff will review the events and consider whether any changes need to be made to the provisions policies or procedures.**

Communicable diseases and conditions

If a case of head lice is found at the provision, the child's parents or carers will be discreetly informed when they collect the child. Other parents will be

warned to check their own children for head lice, but care will be taken not to identify the child affected.

If an infectious or communicable disease is detected at the provision, we will inform parents and carers as soon as possible.

If there is an outbreak of a notifiable disease at the provision, we will inform the local health protection agency and follow advice given. it will also be reported to RIDDOR (if appropriate), and Ofsted.

Allergies

When children first start the setting parents are asked if their child suffers from any allergies.

Oral Medication

Inhalers are now regarded as oral medication.

Useful contact:

Ofsted: 0300 123 1231

RIDDOR Incident Contact Unit: 0845 300 99 23

Minimum exclusion periods for infectious conditions and diseases

Disease/Condition	Exclusion period
Chicken Pox	5 days from first appearance of rash or until all scabs are deemed healed enough by the nursery manager to come back.
Cold Sores	None. Avoid contact with sores

Conjunctivitis	Checked by a doctor to determine if it is bacterial and cleared to attend Nursery
Diphtheria*	Until certified well by doctor
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after symptoms cleared
Glandular Fever	Until fully recovered
Gastro-enteritis, E. Coli, Food Poisoning, Salmonella and Dysentery	Until certified well by doctor
Hand, Foot and Mouth disease	None unless they are to unwell to come in.

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	Needs to be diagnosed as HFM
Hepatitis A*	Until certified well
Hepatitis B* and C*	None
High temperature	24 hours or until temperature is back to normal.
HIV/AIDS	None
Impetigo	Until the skin has healed
Influenza	Until recovered
Measles*	5 days from onset of rash
Meningitis*	Until recovered
Molluscum Contagiosum	None
Mumps*	5 days from onset of swollen glands
Pediculosis (lice)	Until treatment has been given
Pertussis* (Whooping cough)	21 days from the onset or 5 days from commencing antibiotic treatment
Poliomyelitis	Until certified well by doctor
Ringworm of scalp	Until cured
Ringworm of the body	Until treatment has been given
Rubella* (German Measles)	5 days from onset of rash
Scabies	Until treatment has been given
Scarlet fever*	5 days from start of the treatment
Slapped Check, Fifth Disease	None
Streptococcal infection of the throat	3 days from the start of the treatment
Threadworms	None
Tonsillitis	None
Tuberculosis*	Until certified well by doctor
Typhoid*, Paratyphoid*	Until certified well by doctor
Warts (including Verruca)	None. Verruca sufferers should keep feet covered

*** Denotes a notifiable disease.**

**If in any doubt contact local health services for further information.
Stopping the infection spreading**

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If you or your child are taking antibiotics for whooping cough, you need to be careful not to spread the infection to others.

- **Stay away from nursery, school or work until 48 hours from the start of antibiotic treatment or three weeks after the coughing bouts started (whichever is sooner).**