

Managing children who are sick, infectious or with allergies

We provide care for healthy children through preventing cross infection of viruses and bacterial infections and promote health through identifying allergies and preventing contact with the allergenic substance.

- If children appear unwell during the day –
 - Have a temperature
 - Sickness
 - Diarrhoea (more than three nappies in close succession)
 - Pains particularly in the head or stomach
- The Room Supervisor or second in charge in the first instance will call the parents to request they collect their child at the earliest opportunity.
- If a child has a temperature they are kept cool, and may be given Calpol with parental permission. In extreme cases the managers permission may be sort if parental permission has not be obtained
- When children have been sick or have had diarrhea, parents are required to keep children at home for at least 48 hours, (2 whole nursery days) or until the child is well enough to return.
- Where children have been sick due to allergic reaction the exclusion period is 24 hours (to include one whole day
- Where children have been prescribed antibiotics and have not been prescribed these before parents should keep the child at home for 24 hours to ensure there is no reaction.
- When the nursery is notified of an infectious disease such as measles or chickenpox, a notice will be placed on the main door. A further notice will also be attached to the door of the room where the infected child has been most recently.
- Parents are requested to keep children at home until the spots have scabbed over in a case of chickenpox and 4/5 days in the

case of most other childhood infectious diseases and ensure the child is well enough to return.

- If the nursery is notified a child, parent or staff member has a notifiable disease, the Manager will inform Ofsted and take advice from the Health Protection Agency.

Nits and Head lice

- Nits and head lice are not excludable conditions, except in exceptional cases
- On identifying cases of head lice all parents are informed and asked to treat their child and all other family members if they are found to have head lice.

Cross infection procedures

- All precautions must be taken to limit cross infection
 - Single use vinyl gloves and aprons are worn when changing children's nappies, pants and clothing that are soiled.
 - Soiled clothes are rinsed and bagged for parents to take home
 - Spills of bodily fluids are cleaned with a mild disinfectant such as Milton (diluted 2.5 liters to 15ml)
 - Furniture and play equipment must also be washed with a disinfecting fluid regularly

Procedures for children with Allergies

- When children start at the nursery parents are asked if their child suffers from any known allergies. This is recorded on the admission paperwork.
- The room the child will be attending is informed and information shared with the kitchen staff
- If allergens are present in the room or substances used in the room then these will be removed and substituted for ones that are suitable.
- Information is kept in the critical care file of a child's reaction and what to do if it occurs.

- This nursery is a nut-free building. This includes Staff, Children and Parents
- All parents are informed this is a nut-free setting. They are requested not to bring any foodstuffs containing nuts or traces of nuts into the building. Any foods brought into the building must be scrutinized first.

This policy was adopted on

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