



Illness within Setting

Statement of Intent:

The setting aims to promote the good health of children by taking appropriate measures to help prevent the spread of infection.

Policy aim:

Children that are unwell or infectious should not attend the setting to reduce the risk of infection to other children and practitioners.

Procedures:

- Children with an illness that could be infectious should remain absent for the minimum period of time stated in the 'Department of Health Guidance on Infection Control in Schools and Nurseries'
- An infection notice should be clearly displayed for parents / carers if there have been cases of infectious illnesses in the setting, for example Impetigo or Chicken Pox. Pregnant women or anyone known to be at significant risk from infectious illness should be informed, whilst having due regard for confidentiality.
- Children that become unwell at the setting will be assessed by a qualified first aider and cared for appropriately at the setting whilst a parent / carer or emergency contact is telephoned and arrangements made for the child's collection. If there is a risk of infection it may be necessary for the child to be separated sensitively from other children where possible.
- In the case of emergency treatment being required the parent / carer / emergency contact will be contacted immediately and informed of any action that has, or is being taken.
- If it is not an emergency situation but further advice needs to be sought then 'NHS Direct' can be contacted for advice. An incident form must be completed. Written permission for this is sought at registration.
- It may be necessary for further medical assistance to be sought. The most senior practitioner on duty is responsible for arranging for the contact of the emergency services, and any subsequent action that is necessary.
- If we have reason to believe that any child is suffering from a notifiable disease we would take appropriate action and inform Ofsted. Advice will be obtained from the Health Protection Authority and Ofsted informed of any action taken. Notification should be made as soon as reasonably practical, but in any event within 14 days of the incident occurring.
- If a child's temperature raises to 38 degrees whilst in the setting the parent will be informed and appropriate action will be taken to try and bring the temperature down and the child will be monitored for up to an hour. If there is no improvement after an hour, or the temperature continues to rise then a parent or carer will be contacted to collect the unwell child. If a child's temperature is 39 degrees or more at any point then the parent/carer will be called for automatic collection and if required one dose of Calpol (as per age



guidance on box) can be given. Written permission for this is sought at registration.

A list of guidance on infection control can be found at www.hpa.org.uk

Links:

- EYFS Statutory Framework 'Safeguarding and Promoting Children's Welfare'