Illness and Infection Control Policy

Policy Statement

We aim to promote good health by maintaining high standards of hygiene and following clear procedures to prevent the spread of illness.
Children thrive best when they are healthy, so we act quickly to manage sickness and reduce infection risks.

Procedures

If a child becomes unwell during a session, they are cared for in a quiet area by a familiar adult until collected.
Parents are contacted immediately, and children should not return until they are well enough to participate fully in activities.
We follow Public Health England exclusion guidance, including:

- Sickness/diarrhoea – 48 hours after last episode
- Chickenpox – until all spots have scabbed
- Impetigo – until healed or 48 hours after antibiotics
- Whooping cough – 48 hours after antibiotics

We may refuse admission to unwell children to protect others.
Ofsted is notified of any infectious disease or confirmed food poisoning case.

Infection Control Practices

- Staff wash hands before preparing food, after toileting, and after cleaning or handling waste.
- Children are encouraged to wash hands before eating, after outdoor play, and after toileting.
- Toilets and changing areas are cleaned frequently throughout the day.
- Spills of blood, vomit, or other bodily fluids are cleaned immediately using gloves, paper towels, and disinfectant.
- Toys, dressing-up clothes, and soft furnishings are cleaned on a schedule and as needed.
- Laundry is washed on a hot cycle.
- Pets are checked regularly by a vet; children wash hands after contact.

Monitoring and Review

Cleaning schedules and exclusion procedures are reviewed regularly and updated if public health guidance changes.

Legal Framework

- Health and Safety at Work Act 1974
- Public Health (Control of Disease) Act 1984
- EYFS Statutory Framework

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Date: _____