

Sick Child Policy

Statement of Intent

We believe that high quality care is promoted by providing a healthy environment.


Aim

We aim to prevent the spread of infectious diseases.

Method

In order to achieve this aim:-

- We will ensure staff are active in promoting good hygiene practices.
- We will provide a brief outline of our sick children's policy general information in our nursery.
- We ensure that we inform parents of any suspected illness in a private and confidential manner, informing staff on a need to know basis.
- We put notices in our foyer informing parents of any contagious diseases that have been reported to the nursery.
- We ensure that all children regardless of their colour, creed or race are treated equally and are given the same access and opportunities whatever illness they may have.
- We ask parents/carers to collect their child if staff are concerned that the child is showing signs of illness, such as temperature, sickness or if they appear to be unwell.
- We ensure that the child has a quiet comfortable place to lay or sit, where they can be observed or comforted by the nursery staff until they are collected.
- We ask to be notified of any illness or condition that keeps the child from attending nursery.
- We will ask the parent/carer not to send their child to nursery if they have an infectious disease until the incubation period for that disease is over. We ask that parents do not send a child that has had sickness or diarrhoea until they have had 48 hours without any symptoms of this illness.
- We regularly update our parent's emergency contact numbers and children's medical details, ensuring we are kept informed of any known allergies.
- We ask parents to inform us of their contingency plans and emergency contacts (Names, relationship, addresses and telephone numbers) if they cannot be reached to collect their sick child themselves.
- We have regular liaison with local Health Visitors enabling the nursery to be kept informed of current local health issues.
- We keep a copy of updated guidelines to communicable diseases for schools and nurseries.
- We will notify OFSTED of any infectious disease that a qualified person considers notifiable.

This policy was re-adopted on	Signed on behalf of the nursery	Date for review
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