

Pound Hill Pre-School Policy and Procedures

6.2 Managing children, who are sick, infectious or with allergies

(Including reporting notifiable diseases)



Policy Statement

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.

Procedures for children who are sick or infectious

- If children appear unwell during the day – have a temperature, sickness, diarrhoea or pains, particularly in the head or stomach – the parents will be called and asked to collect their child, or send a known carer to collect the child on their behalf.
- The child's temperature may be taken using a thermometer, (kept in the kitchen cupboard). All temperatures taken will be recorded on a temperature recording sheet.
- In extreme cases of emergency, the emergency services will be called for and the parent informed.
- The setting can refuse admittance to children who have a temperature, sickness and diarrhoea or a contagious infection or disease.
- Where children have been prescribed antibiotics, parents are asked to keep them at home for 48 hours before returning to the setting.
- After diarrhoea, parents are asked to keep children home for 48 hours or until a formed stool is passed.
- The setting has a list of excludable diseases and current exclusion times. (see attached copy)

Procedure for children with symptoms of Coronavirus

- If a child develops symptoms of Covid-19 whilst at Pre-School they will be moved into an isolated area away from other children.
- They will be cared for by a member of the staff team following the procedures set out in Coronavirus policy.
- The staff member will ensure that they are wearing relevant PPE.
- The parents will be called immediately to come and collect their child.
- After collection, the staff member will clean the isolated area with disinfectant
- Any child who has symptoms or develops symptoms will not be allowed back to Pre-School until after the government isolation guidelines and or they have a negative PCR test result-proof will be required.

Reporting of 'notifiable diseases'

- If a child or adult is diagnosed as suffering from a notifiable disease under the Health Protection (Notification) Regulations 2010, the GP will report this to the Health Protection Agency.
- When the setting becomes aware, or is formally informed of the notifiable disease, the Manager will inform Ofsted and act on any advice given by the Health Protection Agency.

HIV/ AIDS/ Hepatitis procedure.

- HIV virus like other viruses such as Hepatitis A, B and C, are spread through body fluids. Hygiene precautions for dealing with body fluids are the same for all children and adults.
- Single- use vinyl gloves and aprons are worn when changing children's nappies, pants and clothing that are soiled with blood, urine, faeces or vomit.
- Spills of blood, urine, faeces or vomit are cleaned using mild disinfectant solution and mops with all cloths disposed off after use.
- Tables, and other furniture, furnishing and toys affected by blood, urine, faeces or vomit are cleaned using a disinfectant.

Nits and head lice

- Nits and head lice are not an excludable condition, although in exceptional cases a parent may be asked to keep the child away until the infestation has cleared.
- On identifying cases of head lice, all parents are informed and asked to treat their child and all the family if they are found to have head lice.

Procedures for children with allergies.

- When parents start their child at the setting they are asked to record in the 'Welcome Pack' if their child suffers from any known allergies.
- Food allergies and intolerances will be displayed in the kitchen for reference.
- If specialised training is required to administer specific medication this will be attended by practitioners and the child will not be able to attend the setting until this training has been completed.
- All Parents are notified through the newsletter of certain products which may not be brought into the setting due to allergies.

At all times the administration of medication will be compliant with the Safeguarding and Welfare requirements of the Early Years Foundation stage and follow procedures based on advice given in Managing Medicines in Schools and Early Years Settings (DfES, 2005).

Oral Medication.

- Oral medication must be prescribed by a GP and accompanied with clear written instructions on how to administer the medication and labelled with child's name.
- The administration of medicine is recorded accurately in our medication record book each time it is given and signed by parents and practitioner

administering medicine. Parents sign the record at the beginning and end of the session

Life saving medication and invasive treatments

Where specialised training is required to administer specific medication this will be attended by practitioners, but the child will not be able to attend the setting until this training has been completed.

1. Adrenaline injections (EpiPens) for anaphylactic shock reactions or invasive treatments such as rectal administration (for epilepsy).

- The Pre-School must be provided with a letter from the child's GP/ consultant stating the child's condition and what medication if any is to be administered.
- Written consent from the parent of guardian allowing staff to administer medication
- The Pre-School insurance provider will be notified of these treatments and written confirmation from insurance provider will be obtained before the child can commence at the setting.

2. Children requiring assistance with tubes to help them with everyday living. E.g. breathing apparatus, to take nourishment, colostomy bags etc.

- Prior written consent must be obtained from the child's parent or guardian to give treatment and/ or medication prescribed by the child's GP.
- The Pre-School insurance provider will be notified of these treatments and written confirmation from insurance provider will be obtained before the child can commence at the setting.

This policy was adopted byK Platt.....

Role of signatoryManager.....

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