

Infection Control Policy

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 contacted and asked to collect their child. If the parents are unavailable the emergency contacts will be contacted in order.
- ❖ The child's temperature may be taken using a thermometer, (stored in the kitchen cupboard).
- ❖ In extreme cases of emergency, the emergency services will be called for before informing parents.
- ❖ The setting can refuse admittance to children who have a temperature, sickness, diarrhoea or a contagious infection or disease.
- ❖ Where children have been prescribed antibiotics, parents are asked to keep the child home for 48 hours before returning to the setting.
- ❖ After diarrhoea and sickness, parents are asked to keep children home for 48 hours after the last episode.
- ❖ The setting has a list of excludable diseases and current exclusion times.

Procedure for children with symptoms of Coronavirus

Children and Staff are reminded to follow the guidelines set by the government and public health England.

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 after use.
- ❖ Tables, and other furniture, furnishings and toys affected by blood, urine, faeces or vomit are cleaned using 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 paperwork 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 by Public Health England

This policy was adopted by	Katy Platt
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