

Sick Child Policy

We provide care for healthy children and promote health through identifying allergies and preventing contact with the allergenic substance and through preventing cross infection of viruses and bacterial infections.

Procedures for children with allergies.

- When parents start their child/ren at the setting they are required to write any known allergies on the registration form.
- If there are known allergies then these are recorded on the allergy board on the kitchen hatch door, on the snack table and a copy in the register folder. All staff are told verbally and it is written on their lunchtime place mat..
 - Children will be offered an alternative if the snack menu is offering something which they cannot have. For any child who cannot touch gluten then a gluten free playdough will be made and all other messy play activities will be reviewed.
 - Any cooking activities will be planned with the knowledge of childrens allergys and religious preferences in mind. If staff are unsure we will speak to the parents

Procedures for children who are sick or infectious.

- If children appear unwell during the day such as temperature, sickness, diarrhoea or pains particularly in the head or stomach, the child's key person will contact the parent/carer and ask them to collect the child as soon as possible. The child is comforted by a member of staff, until the parent/carer turns up.
- If a child has a temperature, they are kept cool by removing top clothing, having a cold compress on their forehead and kept away from draughts.
- The child's temperature is taken using a "fever scan" that is kept in the first aid box.
- In extreme cases of emergencies an ambulance will be called and the child taken to hospital with a staff member. The parent/carer will be informed immediately.
- Parents are asked to take their child to the doctors before returning to nursery to establish what is wrong with them. The nursery will refuse admittance to children who have a temperature, sickness and/or diarrhoea or a contagious infection or disease.
- After diarrhoea and/or sickness, parents are asked to keep the child at home for 48hours after the last incident of sickness or diarrhoea.
- The nursery displays a Guidance and Infection Control poster on the office door.

Reporting of "notifiable diseases".

· If a child or Adult is diagnosed as suffering from a notifiable disease under the Public Health (Infectious Disease) Regulations 1988, the GP will report this to the Health Protection Agency.

· When the setting becomes aware, or is formally informed of a notifiable disease, the Health and Safety Officer informs Ofsted, The Health Protection Agency, the parents/carers of the children at the setting, all staff and former visitors.

· In the case of a notifiable disease the setting will undergo a deep clean throughout including the whole inside of the building and all toys and equipment.

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 disposable gloves and aprons are worn when changing children's nappies, pants, and clothing that are soiled with blood, urine, faeces or vomit.

· Soiled clothing is rinsed and bagged for parents to take home.

· Spills of blood, urine, faeces or vomit are cleared using Milton solution with mop.

· Tables and other furniture, furnishings or toys affected by blood, urine, faeces or vomit are thoroughly cleaned using a mild disinfectant and then rinsed in Milton or discarded.

Nits and Head lice

· Nits and head lice are not an excludable condition, although in exceptional cases a parent may be asked to keep their child away from nursery until the infestation has cleared.

· On identifying a case of head lice, all parents are informed by a notice being placed on the entrance door and asked to treat their child/ren and the rest of their family if any head lice are found.

Signed:.....Manager/Owner

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