

SICK CHILD PROCEDURE

Staff will ensure that:

- *They will do all they can to support a child who becomes sick while attending nursery.

- *They ask parents to supply a range of contact numbers so that they can be contacted quickly if their child falls ill whilst at nursery.

- *They inform parents/carers whenever an outbreak of infectious disease occurs in nursery. If there is an outbreak of an illness in the nursery, then the manager or deputy will consult with the local health protection unit for further advice.

Illness/Injured

Procedure for dealing with a sick/injured child.

Should a child become sick or has diarrhoea during the session the child's parents/carers will be called for the child to be taken home.

If staff are unable to contact the parent/carer they will continue with all emergency contacts until communication is made.

In the event of being unable to contact anyone, the child will be made as comfortable as possible in a quiet area and basic first aid principles will be adhered to. Staff will regularly monitor the child to make sure no deterioration is taking place while trying to contact parents/carers.

If the child's illness is judged to be of a serious nature (broken limb, meningitis etc), the manager/deputy will phone for an ambulance and inform the parents/carers.

In the event of the ambulance arriving before the parent/carer then a responsible member of staff will accompany the child to hospital. The accompanying staff member will take with them the child's entry record which contains all their medical information. All the time being in contact with the parents/carers.

If the child's injury takes place outdoors and needs medical attention (bathing, dressing) staff will accompany the child into nursery and attend to the injury.

Following the treatment for an accident if the child is inconsolable then the parents/carers will be informed. An accident form will be completed by the member of staff who dealt with the accident.

The nursery manager/deputy reserves the right to turn a child away from nursery if they are deemed unwell or considered a health risk to other children or staff.

Reporting of illness and conditions

If a child has an illness and will not be attending nursery, we request that the parent/carer contacts nursery at the earliest convenience.

If a case of head lice is discovered the parents/carers will be informed but confidentiality will be maintained.

Nursery will ensure that a child is not identified when giving information about any contagious illness or conditions.

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