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SICK CHILD PROCEDURE

Policy Statement

Oakbridge Little Learners Ltd is committed to promoting the health, safety and wellbeing of all children, staff and families. We recognise that children may become unwell while attending nursery and have clear procedures in place to manage illness and injury safely, minimise the spread of infection and ensure children receive appropriate care.

This policy is implemented in line with the **Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)** and should be read alongside the **Health, Safety & Hygiene Policy, Medication Policy, First Aid Policy**, and the **Parent Handbook**.

Aims of the Policy

- To ensure children who are unwell are cared for appropriately
 - To minimise the spread of infection within the nursery
 - To provide clear guidance to staff and parents/carers
 - To safeguard the wellbeing of all children and staff
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Children Who Become Unwell at Nursery

If a child becomes unwell while attending nursery:

- Parents/carers will be contacted immediately
 - Emergency contacts will be used if parents/carers cannot be reached
 - The child will be made comfortable in a quiet area
 - Basic first aid principles will be followed
 - The child will be monitored closely until collected
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Serious Illness or Injury

If a child's illness or injury is considered serious:

- An ambulance will be called immediately
- Parents/carers will be informed without delay
- A responsible member of staff will accompany the child to hospital if required
- The child's medical and contact information will be taken to hospital

All incidents are recorded in line with nursery procedures.

Injuries Sustained at Nursery

- Minor injuries are treated by trained staff
 - Accidents are recorded on an accident form
 - Parents/carers are informed on the same day
 - If a child is distressed or inconsolable, parents/carers will be contacted
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Exclusion Due to Illness

The Nursery Manager or Deputy reserves the right to:

- Refuse entry to a child who is unwell
- Request that a child is collected if they become ill during the day
- Require a child to remain at home where symptoms may be contagious

This decision is made to protect the health and wellbeing of all children and staff.

Infectious Illness



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- Parents/carers must inform the nursery if their child has an infectious illness
- Confidentiality is maintained at all times
- Rooms may be closed for deep cleaning where required
- Parents/carers will be notified of outbreaks via nursery communication systems

The nursery follows guidance from the **UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA)** and the **NHS** regarding exclusion periods.

Reporting Absence

- Parents/carers are asked to notify the nursery as soon as possible if their child will be absent due to illness
 - This helps us monitor patterns of illness and infection
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Head Lice

- Parents/carers will be informed if head lice are identified
 - The affected child will not be named
 - Confidentiality is maintained at all times
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Guidance for Parents/Carers

The nursery follows national guidance on exclusion periods. Parents/carers are referred to the **NHS “Should I keep my child off school?” guidance**, which is displayed within the nursery and shared where appropriate. Further information for parents/carers can be found in the **Parent Handbook**.



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Safeguarding and Infection Control

- Staff remain vigilant to children's wellbeing
 - Infection control procedures are followed at all times
 - Any concerns are managed in line with safeguarding procedures
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Monitoring and Review

- Illness records are monitored for patterns
 - Procedures are reviewed following outbreaks or incidents
 - This policy is reviewed regularly to reflect guidance and best practice
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Policy Review

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Should I keep my child off school?



Yes

Until...

Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



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Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minftec>.