

Sick Child/Illness Policy and Procedure

Quote reference: 3.45' The provider must promote the good health, including oral health, of children attending the setting. They must have a procedure, discussed with parents and/or carers, for responding to children who are ill or infectious, take necessary steps to prevent the spread of infection, and take appropriate action if children are ill'

Sick Child Procedure

We will monitor children for signs and symptoms of illness. If a child becomes unwell during their attendance at nursery the procedure below will be followed:

- The parent/carer will be contacted and contents of all the discussions, including dates/times will be recorded by a member of staff to provide an accurate chronology of events. This will be recorded on the **Sick Child/illness Record**
- If the parent/carer is not contactable then the emergency numbers given on the registration form will be contacted
- The above procedure will be repeated until contact is made
- The child will be comforted and reassured until the parent/carer arrives to collect them
- We will administer, if appropriate medication in accordance with the medication policy
- Should the situation require immediate medical attention, the emergency services will be contacted to take the child to hospital. Parents/carers will be contacted as a matter of urgency to enable them to meet the child at hospital
- Any incident of a child attending hospital for 24 hours or more, Ofsted will be informed. They will be informed as soon as is reasonably practicable, but in any event within 14 days of the incident. ***A registered provider who without reasonable excuse fails to comply with this requirement commits an offence.***

Exclusion Procedure for illness

- Children contracting infectious diseases will be excluded from the setting for the appropriate number of days recommended by the **Health Protection Agency** using **Guidance on Infection Control in Schools and other Childcare Settings**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/health-protection-in-schools-and-other-childcare-facilities/managing-specific-infectious-diseases-a-to-z>

- The nursery will report notifiable diseases to the local Health Protection unit on 01226 787416
- Post COVID-19 hygiene policies are still in place.