

Sickness, illness and infection control

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Aims

- To ensure that the children get the care they need if they become unwell whilst at Nursery.
- To reduce the spread of infection among staff, children and other people who are involved with the Nursery.
- To ensure that everyone involved in Nursery life is supported in remaining healthy.

Procedure

We will ensure that children get the care they need if they become unwell whilst at the Nursery by:-

- Contacting a child's parents / carer or other emergency contact and asking them to come and collect their child, if their child appears to be unwell.
- Whilst staff are waiting for the child's parents / carers to come and collect them staff will:-
 - try and keep the child away from other children.
 - offer the child frequent drinks of water.
 - take the child into a quiet area and if appropriate encourage them to sleep.
- Once the parent / carer arrives staff will:-
 - explain why they think the child is unwell (e.g. we have checked their temperature and it is showing a high fever, they have not eaten anything today etc).
 - encourage the parent / carer or emergency contact to take the child to the doctors
 - ask parents to ring and let the Nursery know the outcome of the doctors appointment, so that if the child has something contagious, other parents can be informed.
- Once staff at the Nursery know the cause of the illness, if it is contagious, signs will be put up to let other parents know and staff will check with parents that they have read signs when they come to collect their child(ren) drop their child(ren) off.

We will reduce the spread of infection among staff, children and other people who are involved with the nursery by:-

- Ensuring that the Nursery is clean, by following daily and weekly cleaning rotas.
- Ensuring that toys and furniture are clean, by following a toy cleaning rota.
- Individual bedding for each child, washed regularly
- Disinfecting the nappy change after each use.
- Ensuring the toilet seats and potties are clean after use.
- Following the guidelines for exclusion of children from nurseries and school given in the spotty book, and ensuring that parents understand these guidelines.

- Excluding staff from coming back to work if they are unwell, based on the guidelines in the spotty book.
- Disinfecting toys and furniture if a child or member of staff is sent home because they are unwell.
- Wearing protective clothing (gloves and disposable aprons) when changing nappies and cleaning up bodily fluids.
- Contacting the Health Protection Agency on 01803 861833 if we have two or more staff / children with the same disease or symptoms at roughly the same time and following the advice they give us.