

Green Lane Nursery

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SICK CHILDREN POLICY

Aim

We aim to ensure that staff and parents have the correct information regarding childhood illnesses and staff are aware of how to deal with sick children in the Nursery if the child stays or is sent home.

Methods

In order to achieve this aim, our policy for the exclusion of ill or infectious children is discussed with parents. This includes procedures for contacting parents - or other authorised adults - if a child becomes ill while in the Nursery.

- We do not provide care for children who are unwell, have a temperature, or sickness and diarrhoea, or who have an infectious disease.
- A child who has sickness or diarrhoea whilst at the Nursery is to be collected immediately and kept away for 48 hours following the last bout of sickness or diarrhoea.
- Parents will always be contacted and informed if their child has a high temperature of 101F/38C or above
- Children with head lice are not excluded, but must be treated to remedy the condition. If the child has not been treated for head lice, he/she can be sent home until treatment has taken place
- Parents are notified if there is a case of head lice in the Nursery
- Children are treated with care and respect if feeling unwell. Children can lie down in the book corner if he/she wants to sleep or get rest or just have some quiet time
- Parents are notified if there is an infectious disease, such as chicken pox and mumps
- To prevent the spread of conjunctivitis, suspected cases will be reported immediately to parents who will be requested to take their child from Nursery to be seen by a doctor
- Chicken pox - children need to be absent from Nursery for a minimum of 5 days from the onset of the rash. After this time, if all the spots have dried and scabbed over, the child can return to nursery. Parents will also be contacted if their child develops a rash or suspected thrush. This will need to be checked by a doctor whose advice should be followed
- If your child has not been his/her normal self at home but is not showing signs of illness when brought to Nursery, please mention it to the staff and let them know how best to contact you throughout the day

- HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus) may affect children or families attending the Nursery. Staff may or may not be informed about it.
- Children or families are not excluded because of HIV
- Good hygiene practice concerning the clearing of any spilled bodily fluids is always carried out.
- Staff suffering from sickness and diarrhoea should not handle food
- OFSTED is notified of any infectious diseases that a qualified medical person considers notifiable

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