

Allergies, Sickness & Infection Policy

Allergies

All parents / carers are required to notify the nursery of any allergies / intolerances of the children in our care.

The nursery registration form has a section for any allergies / intolerances to be noted. Any subsequent additions or alterations to those on the original form are added to the registration form and to the child record database.

Separate lists of all children with allergies / intolerances and those with other health issues are held in the play room. These lists contain the name of every child in the setting with an allergy / intolerance or other health issue.

Sickness

Our policy for the exclusion of ill or infectious children is discussed with parents / carers. This includes procedures for contacting parents - or other authorised adults - if a child becomes ill while in the setting.

- We do not provide care for children who are unwell, have a temperature, sickness and/or diarrhoea, or who have an infectious disease.
- Children with headlice are not excluded, but must be treated to remedy the condition.
- All parents are notified if there is a case of headlice in the setting.
- All parents are notified if there is an infectious disease, such as chicken pox.
- HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus) may affect children or families attending the setting. 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 carried out at all times.
- Staff suffering from sickness and / or diarrhoea do not handle food and are expected to leave the setting as soon as possible once appropriate cover / ratios have been arranged.

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**In the event of any antibiotics being prescribed, the child will need to be absent from nursery for at least 24 hours from the first dose.**

**In the event of sickness and / or diarrhoea, the child will need to be absent from nursery for at least 48 hours after the last bout of illness, UNLESS this is due to a previously disclosed underlying medical condition we are able to manage within the setting. We reserve the right to extend this period to 72 hours if necessary.**

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Infection

Guidance with regard to Communicable Diseases and the requirements of the Nursery are initially sought by reference to the Essex Health Protection Unit document "Communicable Disease in Schools/Nurseries and Centres for the Under Fives" (September 2010)

Ofsted is to be notified of any cases of children in nursery care suffering from;

- Food poisoning - affecting 2 or more children;
- Meningitis;
- any outbreak of a notifiable disease
 - Public Health (Control of Disease) Act 1984
 - Public Health (Infectious Diseases) Regulations 1988

