

Mrs Bonds Village Nursery

Sick Children Policy

Statement of intent

If a child becomes unwell whilst in our care, we will contact the parents straight away for someone to come and collect them, whilst waiting for parents we will care for the child and make them as comfortable as possible.

Aims

- The nursery does not aim to exclude children from the nursery unnecessarily.
- The decision of the nursery manager is final when requesting the exclusion of a child for illness or infection.
- Decisions will take into account the needs of the child and of the group.

Methods

- Children with infectious or contagious diseases will be excluded for the periods laid down in nursery regulations (where these are given). These usual follow the PHE Exclusion Guidance.
- Should staff suspect that a child has an infectious or contagious disease, they will request that parents consult a doctor before returning the child to the nursery.
- Sick children cannot be admitted to the nursery.
- If a child becomes ill at nursery, staff will inform parents or an emergency contact. While awaiting the arrival of parents, the staff will ensure the comfort of the child, taking appropriate action which would include seeking medical advice if necessary. A "Sick Child" chart should be completed and signed by parent on collection. This notes the condition of the child, the parent may wish to have a copy to show a doctor. If the child is in danger, the staff will seek medical advice immediately.
- In the case of infestations such as head lice, staff will inform parents of the problem and advise them how to proceed.
- Staff will report any worries about a child's health to the parents or guardians immediately. Parents are responsible for keeping the nursery informed about their child's health.
- In a case of a child having diarrhoea and sickness, it is a requirement of the nursery that a child is kept of nursery for a clear 48 hour period after the last bout of diarrhoea and sickness.
- We have a poster displayed on the wall of the nursery from the PHE, called 'Guidance on Infection Control in schools and other child care settings', it states recommended incubation periods all types of childhood illnesses, we use this as a guide and also for giving parents advice. We can however differentiate from this, for example in the case of an outbreak.
- Ofsted/PHE is notified of any infectious diseases which a qualified medical person considers notifiable.
- Staff suffering from sickness or diarrhoea do not handle food.
- We will inform other parents and carers of infections and sickness so that they can observe their own children, but we will respect confidentiality by not identifying the child(ren) concerned.
- HIV may affect children or families that attend the nursery, staff may or may not be informed of this. Children and families are not excluded because of HIV.
- Good hygiene practice concerning the clearing of any spilled bodily fluids is carried out at all times