



Sick Child Policy

Statement of intent

Our setting has a duty to provide a healthy and safe environment for the children in our care.

EYFS Key Themes and Commitments

| A Unique Child | Positive Relationships | Enabling Environments | Learning and Developing |
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| 1.2 Inclusive practice 1.3 Health and wellbeing 1.4 keeping safe | 2.1 Respecting each other 2.3 Parents as partners | 3.4 the wider context | |

Aim

We aim to operate a consistent yet sensitive approach to the exclusion of sick children from the setting. Members of staff ensure that children receive the care and attention they need if they become ill, until they can be collected.

Procedures for when a child becomes ill

- If a child shows signs or symptoms of being unwell, a senior member of staff must be informed and the parents/ guardian contacted immediately.
- The sick child will be cared for and made comfortable by a first aider, whenever possible this will be the child's keyperson, until they can be collected.
- The risk of cross infection would be minimised by keeping the other children engaged in activities away from the sick child.
- If it is decided that emergency treatment is needed for a sick child before the parents/guardian have arrived at the setting, a senior member of staff would take appropriate action.

Procedures for dealing with bodily fluid spillages

In accordance with the Health Protection Agencies Infection Control Guidelines for Child Care settings, in the event of body fluid spillage the following procedures are carried out.

- All body fluid spillages are considered potentially infectious and are dealt with immediately.
- The contaminated area is located and children are quickly and sensitively moved away to a safe area.
- Staff dealing with cleaning the area should protect themselves by wearing gloves and plastic aprons.
- The spillage is mopped up with blue paper towels, which are then double bagged and disposed of immediately.
- The area is cleaned thoroughly using hot soapy water and Milton, then left to dry.

Exclusion

As part of our strategy for infection control and prevention we have the right to exclude a child who is ill or infectious from the setting, in accordance with the Guidance on Infection Controls in Schools and other Child Care Settings from the Health Protection Agency.

In the case of diarrhoea and vomiting, exclusion lasts 48 hours from last episode.

This policy was agreed by the staff of Playhouse Pre-school Broadwater.

Adopted on 24th April 2015 and will be reviewed annually

Reviewed on 10th July 2023 by Z. Munford