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Accidents and Sick Children Policy and Practice

We aim to provide a safe and healthy environment for all the children in the nursery. To do this we have good hygiene practices in place as part of our health and safety policy. We help the children establish good hygiene habits and self-care skills. We support a healthy lifestyle by providing healthy nutritious meals and ensure a good balance between active, vigorous play, rest and relaxation.

Sick Children Coming to School

Most children with long term medical needs can, with support, attend school regularly and take part in many school activities. This policy aims to safeguard each child's access to education. No child is discriminated against on the basis of disability caused by a medical condition. Children who are not well enough to cope with their normal school day should not come to school.

Staff are trained to respond when children become unwell but they are not medically qualified. Parents should seek advice from their GP about their child's health and about their return to school following a serious or contagious illness.

Children who have sickness or diarrhoea, should not come to school for 24 hours.

Children Becoming Unwell in School

Inevitably children may become unwell in school.

- If a member of staff feels that a child has become too ill to stay in school they will contact the head or deputy to determine action. To avoid spreading infection children who have vomited or had an episode of diarrhoea will always be sent home.
- When children need to be sent home their parents will be contacted to arrange collection. The child will be carefully monitored and kept as comfortable as possible until they are collected.
- A senior member of the class or homebase team will let the office know when the child has been collected and ensure that the register has been updated.
- We record day time contact details from parents when children start school and we ask parents to keep these numbers up to date.

Minor accidents

Minor accidents are dealt with in line with the health and safety policy. To ensure that children are well cared for:

- There is a qualified paediatric first aider on site at all times
- Qualified first aiders take responsibility for maintaining first aid boxes in each area
- We have procedures in place to deal with minor accidents and record information to share with parents when they collect their child.

Serious illness or accident

If a qualified first aider decides that a child has had a serious accident or has become seriously unwell an ambulance will be called. The parents will be informed and asked to meet the ambulance at the hospital. A member of staff will accompany the child and stay until the parents arrive.

In consultation with the LEA the school will ensure that all accident investigations are recorded within the RIDDOR procedures and guidance.

Ofsted will be informed if needed.

The School will follow current Government and LEA advice during epidemic and/or pandemic illness, and will make such advice available to parents. The School will follow current advice from the Health Protection Agency regarding notifiable diseases/illness

Medicines in School

The school cannot administer medication. If children have chronic ongoing conditions such as asthma there are procedures in place to administer medication following advice from a medical practitioner. A form is available to take to the GP. Parents should consult the class teacher or one of the Senior Nursery Nurses for advice.

The school will undertake a risk assessment and if necessary consult the community nurses for advice/training. Procedures are covered in the Medicines in School Policy.