

Little Treasures Nursery Health, Illness, Emergency and Spread of Infection Policy

Rationale

It is the nursery policy to prevent cross contamination of infection & promote health and hygiene for all the children in our care. This Includes monitoring the children for signs and symptoms of communicable diseases such as chickenpox, measles, mumps, rubella, meningitis, hepatitis, diarrhoea, vomiting and fever of 101F/38C or over.

Aims and Objectives

- To prevent cross contamination.
- Accidents, Incidents and Illnesses recorded.
- To promote good hygiene practices.
- To inform parents of any illness, accident or incident.
- To make parents aware of this policy.

Implementation

- In the case of a serious accident or illness occurring then the parent/carer will be contacted immediately along with the child's GP and the appropriate action taken. In the unlikely event of the parent not being available the senior staff member will assume charge and if necessary take the child to the hospital along with all the relevant details.
- With the welfare of the sick child in mind and in the interests of the remaining children in the nursery, if in the opinion of the staff, a child is ill, then the parent/carer will be contacted and requested to collect him/her as soon as possible.
- In order to limit the spread of infection staff will not allow a child to be left in the nursery if they are showing signs of any communicable diseases.
- The child will then be isolated from others and made as comfortable as possible.

- Staff will notify parents as soon as possible, however if they are not contactable staff will seek medical advise.
- Staff should cover any broken skin they may have.
- Monitor temperature.
- Staff will record all symptoms on an illness sheet.
- Sheet will be signed by parent/carer on collection of the child.
- Staff should ensure they wash their hands thoroughly before touching another child - minimum of 15 seconds with warm water and antibacterial soap.
- If the child has had Diarrhoea and or Vomiting then they should not attend nursery for 48 hours from the last episode of either. (Please note that this information has been taken from the Health Protection Agency on the guidance on infection control in schools and other child care settings).
- Parents will be provided a copy of this document on their request.

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