

The Mill Nursery

Illness Procedure

The Mill Nursery encourages and promotes good health and hygiene for all the children in our nursery. With the wellbeing of the sick child in mind and in the interests of the other children in the nursery if, in the opinion of the staff, a child is ill then, the parent or carer will be contacted and requested to collect their child as soon as possible. A staff member will always remain with the child offering support and comfort until the parent collects. We would subsequently suggest that parents book an appointment with the doctor to ensure that their child does not suffer from an infectious disease and receives appropriate treatment. If a staff member has noticed your child is showing signs that they are unwell, we check their temperature twice within fifth-teen minutes and seek advice from the senior team members before making the decision to call you. Following NHS guidance of what is classed as a High temperature Parents will be contacted to collect children if their temperature is 38.0 or higher, In the meantime of your arrival we may ask for consent to administer emergency Calpol. All sickness/illness incidents will be logged and kept a record of.

We recommend if your child is still needing Calpol and or medicine before nursery to review if they are well enough to attend. We do not administer Calpol unless in an event of an emergency and recommend if you are using it for teething you try alternative medications such as teething granules or teething gel. Often Calpol can mask symptoms of an illness.

In the case of a serious illness occurring then the parent or carer will be contacted immediately along with a medical professional and the appropriate action taken. In the unlikely event of the parent/carer not being available, a senior member of the nursery team will assume charge and, if necessary, accompany the child to hospital along with all the relevant details.

Parents must notify the nursery if they are aware that their child has a contagious illness or if a doctor has confirmed the cause of illness. We will expect parents to cooperate with us by not bringing children to the nursery if they have any infectious or contagious illness. Staff will also be asked not to attend work under the same circumstances. Children suffering from sickness/diarrhoea must not return to the nursery until at least 48 hours have elapsed from the last bout and they are eating. All absences must be paid for with the exception of hospitalisation or serious illness. The nursery implements a 48 hour exclusion time for all children affected by any contagious illness in accordance with the Health Protection Agency guidance on infection control in settings.

We follow the guidance provided by the NHS to help keep children safe and put their wellbeing at the foremost of our care. The guidance suggests a temperature is 38 degrees and above.

Children receiving newly prescribed medication should have taken it for a minimum of 48 hours before returning to nursery, to ensure that they will not have any adverse

reaction to it. Written permission will be required before nursery staff may administer creams, ointments or drugs. (See Medication Policy). Fees will be charged at the normal rate.

According to the Children Act Regulations, there are specific conditions and illnesses that are notifiable. If a child, parent, staff member or visitor suffers from such conditions, we will inform OFSTED and the local Public Health Services and notify all parents and children accordingly.

In the case of infestations such as head lice, staff will inform parents/carers to come and collect their child straight away and advise them how to proceed. Children must receive treatment before returning to nursery.

The staff at nursery must be convinced that the child has returned to good health before re-admitting them. Please note that the Childcare Manager retains the right to refuse the return of a child to nursery if she feels that the exclusion periods have not been adhered to and the child may pose a risk to other's health.

Policy endorsement

Signed by:

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Position:

Date: