



WILLOWDENE NURSERY SCHOOL

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Sick Child Procedure

We have instituted this policy based on the needs of a child becoming sick at Nursery and to show our responsibilities and concerns over the health and well being of all our children.

Our aim

- To provide a healthy environment for the children
- Children should not be left at nursery if they are unwell. If a child is unwell then they will prefer to be at home with their parent(s) rather than at nursery with their peers. We will follow these procedures to ensure the welfare of all children within the nursery:
- If a child becomes ill during the nursery day, their parent(s) will be contacted and asked to pick their child up as soon as possible. During this time the child will be cared for in a quiet, calm area with their key person
- Should a child have an infectious disease, such as an eye/ear infection or sickness and diarrhoea, they should not return to nursery until they have been clear for at least 48 hours
- It is vital that we follow the advice given to us by our registering authority and exclude specific contagious conditions, e.g. sickness and diarrhoea, conjunctivitis and chicken pox to protect other children in the nursery. Illnesses of this nature are very contagious and it is exceedingly unfair to expose other children to the risk of an infection
- If a contagious infection is identified in the nursery, parents will be informed to enable them to spot the early signs of this illness. All equipment and resources that may have come into contact with a contagious child will be cleaned and sterilised thoroughly to reduce the spread of infection
- ***It is important that children are not subjected to the rigours of the nursery day, which requires socialising with other children and being part of a group setting, when they have first become ill and require a course of antibiotics. Our policy, therefore, is to exclude children on antibiotics for the first 48 hours of the course (unless this is part of an ongoing care plan to treat individual medical conditions e.g. asthma and the child is not unwell)
- The nursery has the right to refuse admission to a child who is unwell. This decision will be taken by the manager on duty and is non-negotiable
- Information/posters about head lice are readily available and all parents are requested to regularly check their children's hair. If a parent finds that their child has head lice we would be grateful if they could inform the nursery so that other parents can be alerted to check their child's hair.
- The designated First Aiders have a current first aid certificate and has attended a 12hour paediatric first aid course, which complies with the requirements of Annex A of the EYFS. First aid training will be renewed every three years.

If a child becomes unwell :

- Take the child's temperature (unless they have had sickness and diarrhoea).
- Phone the parents, explain their child is unwell, let them know the symptoms and ask them to collect their child.
- One member of staff to sit with the child in a quiet place away from other children, if possible, until the parents arrive.
- If the child has had sickness or diarrhoea explain to the parents our policy of a 48 hour clearance of either symptom before the child may return.

Meningitis procedure

- If a parent informs the nursery that their child has meningitis, the nursery manager should contact the Infection Control (IC) Nurse for their area, and Ofsted. The IC Nurse will give guidance and support in each individual case. If parents do not inform the nursery, we will be contacted directly by the IC Nurse and the appropriate support will be given.

Transporting children to hospital procedure

- If the sickness is severe, call for an ambulance immediately. DO NOT attempt to transport the sick child in your own vehicle
 - Whilst waiting for the ambulance, contact the parent and arrange to meet them at the hospital
 - A senior member of staff must accompany the child and collect together registration forms, relevant medication sheets, medication and the child's comforter. A member of the management team must also be informed immediately
 - Remain calm at all times. Children who witness an incident may well be affected by it and may need lots of cuddles and reassurance.
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- In the event of a serious accident there is a requirement for the nursery manager to inform the OfSTED Early Years team. This should be done initially by phone on Early Years Help Line on 0845 640 4040
 - And followed up in writing to: -
Ofsted's Regional Centre
North Region 3rd floor, Royal Exchange Buildings, St Ann's Square, Manchester, M2 7LA

The following guidelines are given to parents as an indicator of whether or not a child should be at school

1. If your child has a temperature over 38 degrees, and/or exhibits behaviour changes or other signs that your child does not feel well enough to participate comfortably in the daily activities. Please keep your child home until his/her temperature and behaviour returns to normal
2. If your child has had diarrhoea in the past 48 hours, keep your child at home until the child has been diarrhoea-free for 48 hours or stools are formed enough that they are contained in the nappy. Potty trained children should be accident-free for one day.
3. If your child is vomiting, please keep your child home for up to 48 hours after the vomiting has ended.
4. If your child has a runny nose, accompanied by fever and crankiness or difficulty breathing, please keep your child home until the child is acting better and fever free.
5. If your child is experiencing itchy, watery eyes, please keep your child home until the condition has been evaluated and treatment has begun.
6. If your child exhibits an unexplained skin rash, please keep your child home until the condition has been evaluated and treated.
7. As parents, use your best judgment in determining your child's health. Please take your child seriously when he/she says they are not feeling well.

We appreciate your compliance with our Sick Child Policy. As always, feel free to call if you are uncertain about your child's condition. As a general rule, if your child is not up to par due to illness, please keep your child at home.

PLEASE SEE OUR MEDICATION POLICY FOR PROCEDURES WHEN A PARENT WISHES MEDICATION TO BE ADMINISTERED.

April 2017 - Added The designated First Aiders have a current first aid certificate and has attended a 12hour paediatric first aid course, which complies with the requirements of Annex A of the EYFS. First aid training will be renewed every three years.