

Sick Children Policy

Aim

We encourage and promote good health and hygiene for all children in the nursery care.

Methods

At Loseley Fields Children's Centre we understand that it is difficult for parents/carers to leave or miss work we therefore ask parents/carers to think of alternative arrangements to be made when the child should remain at home or need to be picked up due to illness.

Exclusion from the nursery is sometimes necessary to reduce the transmission of illness or we were not able to meet the needs of the child while they are ill.

Mild illness is common amongst children. With many conditions children spread the infection before showing any symptoms.

If the child has any visible symptoms or is notably different from normal the staff will record this on a child health form. The staff member will notify the senior of the room and also all the other staff member working with that child. The senior member will inform the deputy or Childcare Manager and they will start to contact the parents/carer. This is so we can inform the parent/carer from the beginning.

If the child has a temperature we will call the parent/carer straight away so they can come and collect them. This information will be written on a child health form with any actions taken.

We ask the parent/carers to let us know if the child has had any illness while they are not at nursery and to call the nursery when an illness has been diagnosed. This is so we can let other parents/carers know and inform the staff team for what signs to look out for.

We will post any illness on the parent's notice boards so everyone is informed we will not give the names of the child with the illness as part of confidentiality.

If a child is sick or has diarrhoea at nursery we will call the parents/carers to come and get them. The child will need to be off for 48 hours before returning to the centre. This is to protect the other children and the staff team.

There are some illnesses we have to inform Ofsted, these illnesses are listed in the staff room and a copy is in the office.

In the event of a serious illness or accident where we will need to call an ambulance, the parents/carers will sign a consent form saying they are happy for us to do this.

Once the ambulance is called the Centre Manager or Childcare Manager will call the parents/carers and tell them the situation.

Policy on infection control

Loseley Fields Children's Centre staff are trained in general infection control procedures. The training covers hand washing, hygiene measures, sanitation procedures, nappy changing and toileting, food handling and handling body secretions.

Wash surfaces

The following areas must be cleaned and sanitised:

After each use:

- Sinks and tap handles after being used to clean vomitus, urine, blood or faeces.
- Nappy surfaces.
- Toys mouthed by infants.
- Bibs.
- Mops used for cleaning body fluids.

Daily

- Toilet seats, flushing handles and toilets.
- Lids and containers for holding nappies.
- Sinks, taps and drinking fountains.
- Water trays and water toys.
- Mop heads and cloths.
- Cot sheets, blankets and washable fabric toys should be laundered on a daily basis.
- Food preparation areas like worktops, counters and stoves should be wiped down before and after use. Disposable cloths or paper towels are to be used when wiping down an area.
- Do Not use tea towels to dry equipment.
- Sleep mats – sanitised after each use.

Weekly

- Cots.
- Mattresses.

Useful resources and websites

www.childrenfirst.nhs.uk

www.hpa.org.uk/infections

This policy was adopted by for Loseley Fields Children Centre.

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