
Accidents/Illness Emergency policy

It is the Nursery's policy to encourage and promote good 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 fevers of 101F/38C or over.

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. The staff of the Nursery must be convinced that the child has returned to good health before re-admitting them.

In the case of a serious accident or illness occurring then the parent/carer will be contacted immediately along with a medical professional 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 hospital along with all relevant details.

The following procedures will be followed in the event of:

Major accidents

At all times the staff must wear protective clothing (disposable aprons and gloves).

1. The manager will assess the situation and decide whether the child needs to go immediately to hospital or whether the child can wait for the parent/main carer to come.
 - If the child needs to go straight to hospital an ambulance will be called. Then the parent/main carer will be contacted and arrangements will be made to meet the parent/main carer at the hospital. A member of staff will accompany the child to the hospital, but will not sign for any treatment to be carried out
 - If the child can wait for the parent/main carer to come, then the parent/main carer will be contacted and the child will be made as comfortable as possible and a member of staff will stay with them until the parent/main carer arrives. It will then be for the parent/main carer to decide whether to go to the hospital or not.
2. A report of the accident will then be recorded in the accident log

Minor accident

At all times the staff must wear protective clothing (disposable aprons and gloves).

1. The injury is assessed by the Keyworker if necessary the manager is called
2. The injury is then treated
3. The child is then resettled back into the base room, and observed
4. The incident is then recorded in the accident book and an incident slip is written and placed in the child's drawer for the parent

The accident book is checked by senior member of staff for the area on a regular basis to check for patterns.