



Blossom Day Nursery LTD Sickness and Illness Policy and Procedure

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At **Blossom Day Nursery LTD** we promote the good health of all children attending. To help keep children healthy and minimise infection, we do not expect children to attend nursery if they are unwell. If a child is unwell it is in their best interest to be in a home environment with adults, they know well rather than at nursery with their peers.

Our procedures

In order to take appropriate action of children who become ill and to minimise the spread of infection we implement the following procedures:

- If a child becomes ill during the nursery day, we contact their parent(s) and ask them to pick up their child as soon as possible. **During this time, we care for the child in a designated area which is quiet and calm with their key person, wherever possible. The designated area will be thoroughly cleaned immediately by the key person who has looked after the child and they will be provided with appropriate PPE to carry this out**
- We follow the guidance given to us by Public Health England (Health Protection in Schools and other childcare facilities) and advice from our local health protection unit on exclusion times for specific illnesses, e.g. sickness and diarrhoea, measles and chicken pox, to protect other children in the nursery
- Should a child have an infectious disease, such as sickness and diarrhoea, they must not return to nursery until they have been clear for at least 48 hours and are eating and drinking normally.
- **If a child is displaying Coronavirus symptoms, they must isolate at home in line with NHS guidance. They may not return to Nursery for a minimum of 7 days or longer if they still have a temperature. We inform all parents if there is a contagious infection identified in the nursery, to enable them to spot the early signs of this illness. We thoroughly clean and sterilise all equipment and resources that may have come into contact with a contagious child to reduce the spread of infection. Please see the Risk Assessment for Covid-19.**
- We notify Ofsted as soon as possible and in all cases within 14 days of the incident where we have any child or staff member with food poisoning
- We exclude all 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) This is because 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
- **We have the right to refuse admission to a child who is unwell and from the 1st of June 2020 we will refuse admission for any child who has a temperature when they**

arrive at Blossom. Each child will have their temperature checked when they arrive at Nursery by the member of staff who greets them at the door.

- We make information/posters about head lice 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.
- If a child has Hand Foot and Mouth or Chicken Pox they must be excluded for 5 days to ensure they are no longer infectious
- Should a child develop conjunctivitis or impetigo they cannot return to Nursery until they have had treatment
- If a child develops a fever during the day the Nursery will give a dose of paracetamol or ibuprofen which Parents must provide and ring Parents immediately for them to pick up their child within the hour as children's health can deteriorate very quickly and the Nursery cannot take responsibility for this

Meningitis procedure

If a parent informs the nursery that their child has meningitis, the nursery manager will contact the Local Area Infection Control (IC) Nurse. 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. We will follow all guidance given and notify any of the appropriate authorities including Ofsted if necessary.

Transporting children to hospital procedure

The nursery manager/staff member must:

- Call for an ambulance immediately if the sickness is severe. DO NOT attempt to transport the sick child in your own vehicle
- Whilst waiting for the ambulance, contact the parent(s) and arrange to meet them at the hospital
- Redeploy staff if necessary, to ensure there is adequate staff deployment to care for the remaining children. This may mean temporarily re-grouping the bubble of children
- Arrange for the most appropriate member of staff to accompany the child taking with them any relevant information such as registration forms, relevant medication sheets, medication and the child's comforter
- Inform a member of the management team 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. Staff may also require additional support following the accident.

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