

Little Oaks Day Nursery

Sick Child Policy

On occasion the situation may arise where staff are required to make a decision as to whether they will admit a child who has arrived at the nursery and appears to be unwell, or ensure that appropriate measures are taken to address the needs of a child who becomes unwell during the nursery day.

Aim

The policy is intended to reassure parents and carers that appropriate action will be taken under these circumstances, which takes into account the needs of all children attending and offers staff guidance and instruction on the correct procedures to follow.

Policy implementation

In the event of staff having concerns about the health of a child arriving at nursery they will;

- Discuss with the child's parent or carer the child's recent health, paying particular attention to how they have been in the period before they arrived at nursery.
- Make a decision based on professional judgment and information contained in the Infection Control Guidelines (stored in the office) on whether the child should be admitted.

In the event of parents or carers requiring guidance on whether a child may be admitted to nursery requesting advice on particular health issues, refer to the relevant section of the Infection Control Guidelines.

In the event of a child becoming ill during the nursery day staff will:

- Monitor the situation closely, taking and recording the child's temperature every 10 minutes using a digital head thermometer and noting them on a temperature record sheet.
- Inform the child's parent or carer of the situation if the child's condition does not improve.
- Request permission to administer non-prescription medicines from the parent or carer as appropriate.
- If the child's condition deteriorates further, request parent or carer collects them from nursery, particularly if the child is vomiting or has diarrhoea, or has an unusually high temperature, advising them to seek medical advice.

If the child's parent or carer cannot be contacted, or is unable or unwilling to collect them, staff must continue to monitor the child's condition. If the child's condition deteriorates further rapidly, staff must call an ambulance. When the child is taken in an ambulance, a member of staff must accompany them until their parent or carer arrives.

Staff must complete a child transfer to hospital checklist to ensure that the child's personal file containing information on them and their personal belongings travel with the child.