17. Illnesses and Injuries Policy



At Play Station Nursery we aim to provide a healthy environment for the children within our care. We have a strict policy in the interests of the child and others, that prevents any child who is unwell from attending nursery. If a child is or becomes unwell whilst at nursery the parents/carers will be contacted so that they may collect their child. When your child returns to Nursery, they should be well enough to cope with the daily routines, this includes transitions, activities, and outdoor play. We are not able to offer a 1:1 approach to children therefore children who return must be well enough to cope in the ratio determined by their age.

ANTIBIOTICS: Remain at home for 24 hours following initial dose.

VACCINATIONS: Remain at home for 24 hours after vaccination, this does not include the flu vaccine, children may come back in after their flu vaccine as long as they are well and have had no immediate side effects.

CHICKEN POX: Spots will need to be completely dry and clearly scabbed over before re-admittance to nursery.

HAND, FOOT AND MOUTH: The Health Protection Agency suggests that no exclusion period is necessary. However, some children and adults can become very unwell with cases varying from mild to extreme. Therefore, we retain the right to treat each case individually and you may be asked to keep your child at home depending on the severity of their case and number of cases. Hand foot and mouth is infectious and in situations where cases are spreading exponentially children will be asked to stay at home until blisters have healed.

MOUTH THRUSH: 24 hours' non-attendance at nursery. Upon re-admittance it will be necessary to ensure their individual use of drinking cups, utensils, etc.

CONJUNCTIVITIS: Children are able to attend nursery, however for their own comfort we would recommend seeking a doctor's advice.

MEASLES: 4 days' non-attendance at nursery from the onset of the rash.

MUMPS: As this illness remains infectious until 5 days after the muscle swelling has subsided children will be required to remain at home until this time.

SICKNESS AND DIAHORREA: Children will be required to remain at home until 48 hours has passed without an episode.

HEADLICE: If a child presents with live head lice, you will be contacted via telephone in order for you to make arrangements for treatment to commence as soon as possible.

If children persistently present with live head lice after being advised to treat, then we will be forced to refuse entry to nursery until effective treatment has commenced.

(Please see 'Guidance on Infection Control in Schools and Other Childcare Settings' for more information on attendance after illness and infections)

INJURIES/INCIDENTS

Any accidents or injuries involving staff and children must be reported to the manager/owner as soon as possible.

At least one person who has a current pediatric first aid certificate will be on the premises at any one time and present on an outing at any given time.

All full-time members of staff within our setting hold a valid and current first aid certificate.

First aid boxes are available in each room and in the utility room. Mobile first aid kits are available for outings. Records of any treatment given are recorded, retained, and sent to parents on nursery in a box for signing.

In the event of an injury occurring at home parents are required to complete a home injury form on Nursery in a box. This should be completed at drop off and must be signed by the parent/carer and nursery practitioner.

If an accident or injury form of any kind is required throughout the course of the day the parents/carers will be informed verbally upon collection in addition to the injury/incident form. All forms MUST be signed.

If the event of an accident is deemed to be of a more serious nature the emergency services will be called along with the parents/carers.

All serious accidents will be reported to the necessary authorities, this may include ART, OFSTED, LADO, or RIDDOR

Should a child require hospital attention, a RIDDOR report will be completed by the manager of the setting and the incident will also be reported to OFSTED and LADO if necessary.

Please note the Child Protection Policy of Play Station Nursery.

Signature	Review date