

TEDDYBEARS NURSERY SCHOOL
SICKNESS POLICY

TEDDYBEARS COMMITMENTS

Teddybears is committed to maintaining the good health of all children by taking the necessary steps to prevent the spread of infection, also carrying out the appropriate action when individual children are ill.

- Our definition of a well child is...
"A well child is not reliant on calpol, does not have a high temperature, is well enough to participate in all nursery activities, has a normal appetite, is happy and sociable, does not require a greater staff ratio and has normal bowel functions."

OBJECTIVES

- To ensure infectious and contagious children are indentified, their parents/carers are contacted and sent home as soon as possible with the view to minimize the spread of infection.
- To ensure an emergency procedure is in place for serious accidents and incidents.
- To guide and inform staff and parents on the issues of dealing with illnesses and infectious diseases.
- To ensure implementation of legal legislation regarding notification of infectious diseases.
- To ensure all staff are qualified first aiders and maintain regular training.
- To meet the needs (emotional and medical) of each individual sick child.

IMPLEMENTATION

1. In the event of a child being unwell a senior member of staff will be informed immediately.
2. The condition of the child will be assessed according to our definition above and the parents/carers contacted and given information about their child's health.
3. If a child does become ill during their time at nursery a quiet area would be set aside and the child treated and cared for appropriately by the nursery staff.
4. If the nursery staff feels the child has a contagious or infectious illness, or is unable to manage with the nursery routine, parents/carers would be contacted and asked to collect their children as soon as possible.
5. If an acute emergency occurred a senior member of staff would take the child directly to the accident and emergency department at the local hospital, simultaneously parents would be informed and asked to meet there.
6. Children are not allowed to return to nursery until 48 hours after their last attack of sickness or diarrhoea. In cases of other contagious conditions e.g. Chicken pox or impetigo the child must not return to the nursery until they are no longer contagious.
7. In cases of confirmed potentially dangerous infectious diseases the senior person will notify Ofsted (within 24 hours) and the local health authority (see infectious diseases list). All parents of children attending the nursery would also be immediately informed by letter.
8. If any member of staff become ill during the nursery day and could not carry out their role or had an infectious illness they would be sent home.

Please read carefully and sign below to show you understand these procedures.

DATE COMPLETED:

SIGNATURE

Reviewed: