

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 identified, 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 an ambulance would be called and parents would be informed so they could meet their child at the hospital.
6. In case of minor injuries needing hospital treatment, parents would be informed by phone. If they could not get to the nursery to pick their child up, a senior member of staff would take the child directly to the accident and emergency department by taxi.
7. Children are not allowed to return to nursery until 48 hours after their last attack of sickness or diarrhea. 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.
8. 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 e.mail.

9. 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 & cannot return until they are no longer contagious.
10. We will not give calpol every 4 hours to keep a temperature down, the parents will be called to pick the poorly child them up.
11. Conjunctivitis is very contagious and needs to be treated ASAP, parents will be asked to see a DR or Pharmacist in order to get some eye drops. These have to have been administered at least 12 hours before returning to nursery in case of reactions.
12. Impetigo is a contagious disease which needs an anti-biotic cream prescribed by a DR to clear it up. Children must have been treated at least 48 hours with cream before they return to nursery & the area must be dry not weeping.
13. Hand foot & mouth is contagious and can cause a child to be very unwell . There is no exclusion period, however the child must be well enough to cope with the nursery day.
14. Headlice is very contagious and when identified parents will be informed & the child must be treated before they return to nursery. (see policy)
15. If your child displays any symptoms of Covid 19 such as a continuous cough or high temperature you may be asked to pick them up & complete a lateral flow test before returning to nursery.

SIGNED:

DATED:

REVIEW: