



**Little Acorns Nursery
at High Halden**

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Ill or Infectious Child Procedure

Detailed below is the procedure that all staff, students and volunteers must be adhere to when dealing with a child who is ill, or infectious.

1. When a child becomes ill or infectious at the setting, childcare practitioners have a duty to ensure care is maintained at all times.
2. The first step would be to check the child to see if they are ok and if anywhere on their body hurts, eliminating all possible scenarios.
3. There can be many different indicators of a child becoming ill, usually the most common can be the child's behaviour we would notice a change in attitude, personality, becoming quiet, withdrawn and sometimes tearful.
4. If the child looks hot, pale or flustered and is complaining they are hot/cold we would then take their temperature using a digital thermometer. We would place the thermometer in the child's ear as this is a good place to take an accurate reading of a body temperature. If the temperature reads above 37c and below 36c then we would begin making the child as comfortable as we can.
5. A member of staff would ring the parent/carer explaining the situation asking them to come and collect the child from the setting.
6. In the event of an illness, infection being potentially contagious, or the parent/carer not being able to collect the child for a while, the child will be removed from the rest of the group, and kept in a quiet area where he/she may rest and be monitored. The parent/carer will be informed of any treatment the child may have received (e.g cooling down) prior to collection. If we feel emergency aid is needed we will advise the parent of this, along with making appropriate arrangements.

7. Children are not allowed to return to nursery with a contagious illness or infection unless it is treated with the correct medication of following the correct incubation period.
8. All illnesses and infections can be found on the guidance on infection control sheet in the office. Conjunctivitis, vomiting, diarrhoea, chicken pox, impetigo is an example of the most common illnesses/infections we come across at nursery which all require a certain incubation period away from the setting. For further more on illnesses and infections please read the guidance on infection control located in the policies folder.
9. If a child at nursery develops sickness or diarrhoea, he/she will be removed from the group and parents/carers will be contacted immediately to collect their child. Disinfectant/Bleach and disposable gloves are used when cleaning up after someone who has been ill. The toilet seat, flush handle and taps on the basin are cleaned with diluted bleach solution after use by the infected person. A child with sickness/diarrhoea is asked not to attend nursery until 48 hours after the symptoms have ceased, or possibly for a longer period on the advice of the Consultant in Communicable Disease Control.
10. If a child requires immediate medical attention, an ambulance will be called and the child kept as comfortable as possible until it arrives. The parent/carer will be contacted and advised of the situation, and asked to meet the ambulance at the nursery or hospital. A member of staff would accompany the child until the parent/carer is available to take over the care of the child. Health professionals are responsible for any decisions regarding medical treatment if the parent/carer is not available.
11. Staff must use the Guidance on Infection control in schools and other childcare settings when dealing with any form of illness or infection. This gives practitioners, parents/carers advice on what to do regarding an illness/infection, how long the incubation period is and whether it is contagious or not etc.

This policy was adopted at a meeting of Little Acorns Nursery

Date to be reviewed.....

Signed on behalf of the management committee.....

Name of signatory.....

Role of signatory (e.g. chair/ owner).....