



Poppins Day Nursery

Sick Child and emergency Policy and Procedure

Our Policy

It is our policy at Poppins Day Nursery to encourage and promote good health and hygiene for all the children in our care. This specifically includes monitoring the children for signs and symptoms of communicable diseases such as chickenpox, measles, mumps, rubella, meningitis, hepatitis, conjunctivitis, impetigo, hand, foot and mouth disease, diarrhoea, vomiting and fevers of 38.0 c. or over.

Procedures

- If a child has a high temperature of 38.0c or over, parents will be contacted via phone. Where permission is given, room leaders will administer Paracetamol Based Suspension and will allow the child to remain at nursery for 1 hour to monitor the child's temperature. If after 1 hour the temperature remains 38.0c or above the parent/carer will be asked to collect their child. NHS guidelines state that in children under 5, a fever is considered to be a temperature of over 38.0c.
- With the welfare of the sick child in mind and in the interests of the remaining children, if in the opinion of the staff a child is ill, then the parent/carer will be contacted and requested to collect him/her as soon as possible.
- When a child has been diagnosed with a contagious infection and has been given anti-biotics to treat the infection, all children must have had the anti-biotics for 24hrs, to ensure that they respond well to the treatment before coming back into nursery.
- Any child (or adult/staff member) who has contracted any communicable disease must have been clear of that disease for a **minimum of 48 hours** prior to the child (or adult/staff member) being considered for re-admission to the nursery.
- In the case of vomiting and/or diarrhoea the child must have had ceased any vomiting and passing normal stools for that 48 hour period. The staff must be confident that the child has returned to good health before re-admitting them and may with guidance from a senior member of staff use their discretion and refuse admission until clearance has been obtained from a medical practitioner.
- In the case of a serious accident or illness occurring then the parent/carer will be contacted immediately along with the medical professional and the appropriate



action taken.

- In the unlikely event of the parent not being available a member of management will assume charge and if necessary take the child to hospital along with all relevant details. Parents sign a consent form when starting at Poppins giving consent for their child to be taken to hospital in an emergency situation.
- All children and staff must wash their hands before they consume food. All objects (toys, books, drinks bottles) are sterilised in each of the three rooms monthly if not sooner when there has been an outbreak of a communicable disease.
- **On all** occasions when a child or adult has a serious accident, injury or serious illness whilst at Poppins Day Nursery then OFSTED and the Local Child Protection Agency will be notified.

OFSTED Tel: **0300 123 1231**

Family Front Door: **01905 822666** Mon to Fri 8.30am-5.00pm
01905 768020 (evenings and weekends)

Worcester Early Years Team: **01905 844048**

Policy review

This policy will be reviewed annually or when an incident occurs or if there are new local or national policies and procedures. The review process will be led by the Manager and include all those working in the setting.