

Once Upon A Time Nursery
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First Aid and Medicines Policy

If your child is unwell, we would appreciate a call on the first day of non-attendance at Nursery to advise the likely duration of absence.

Your child may return to Nursery as soon as he/she is well enough, or your doctor advises he/she is no longer contagious.

Should an injury occur whilst the child is on the premises, a record of the incident, the treatment given, and the name of the person who dealt with the incident will be recorded. The parent/carer will be asked to sign the incident sheet to show that they have been advised of the incident.

Should the illness/injury be deemed to be serious the child's parents will be called and if necessary their doctor will be contacted, or an ambulance called.

If a child becomes unwell whilst at Nursery we will keep them as comfortable as possible, his/her parent/carer will be contacted and asked to collect the child as soon as possible. In the event of the sickness being potentially contagious, or the parent/carer not being able to collect the child for a while, he/she 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 you of this also and make appropriate arrangements.

If a child at Nursery develops sickness or diarrhoea (3 loose nappies), he/she will be removed from the group and parents 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 tap on hand basin is cleaned with a diluted bleach solution after use by the infected person. A child with sickness/diarrhoea is asked not to attend nursery until 48 hours after symptoms have ceased, or possibly for a longer period on the advice of the Consultant in Communicable Disease Control.

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 the 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 on medical treatment if the parent is not available.

We will only administer medication at Nursery if there is a health reason to do so. We are able to administer non-prescribed medicines (if they are brought to the nursery by parents), except those containing Aspirin, although your child should not be sent to Nursery if unwell.

If a medicine is prescribed for your child which needs to be given during nursery hours, we will ask you to give written consent by

completing a medication form, giving details of the dosage and frequency required.

Children with complex health needs will have an individual care plan drawn up and agreed with parents, health professionals and Nursery staff.

INFECTION CONTROL

All adults working within the nursery will ensure that normal hygiene precautions are taken to prevent and control the spread of any illness whether it originates from an infestation (e.g. worms), a bacterial or a viral source.

The aim of this code is to eliminate opportunities for disease to develop or spread within the group and to ensure, as far as possible, a safe environment for children and adults with allergies. Children attending the nursery will be taught the importance of basic hygiene and good habits especially with regards to washing hands before eating food and after going to the toilet, being in the garden or handling animals.

