

## ILLNESS AND EXCLUSION POLICY AND PROCEDURE

Brambles Childcare Centre recognises its responsibility to promote a culture where health issues are discussed in an open and positive way to achieve high standards. The health and well being of children is of paramount importance to enable them to learn.

We cannot admit sick children into nursery. In order to maintain a clean and healthy environment for all children we ask that you refrain from bringing your child to the nursery if he/she is sick and/or displaying signs of illness.

When a child in our care becomes unwell it is our usual procedure to contact and inform the parent/carer and request that the child is collected as soon as possible, the child will be excluded from the nursery for 24 hours.

To minimise the spread of infection while waiting for the parent to collect the child, the child is taken away from the other children and sat with an adult in a quiet area, where the adult will reassure and comfort the child.

In the case of any serious accident, illness, injury or death of any child whilst in the settings care Ofsted, and Health and Safety Executive will be notified and of the action taken.

In the case of a communicable disease which can be spread around the nursery and cause distress and/or discomfort to other children and staff, procedures are in place to provide the best care for everyone. We take guidance from the Communicable Disease Unit. A list of all communicable/notifiable diseases can be found on the notice board in the foyer.

Records are kept of infectious illnesses, advice received, action taken and parent signatures where relevant in the medicine cupboard in the nursery.

Please find below details of the most common diseases/illnesses/episodes and our policies and procedures relating to them.

**Diarrhoea** - You will be asked to remove your child after their second bout and they will not be permitted to re enter until they have been free of symptoms for 48 hours. Staff will confirm diagnosis by seeking a second opinion from a supervisor/manager, and confirming it isn't simply a case of, for example, loose stools due to diet, teething or medication.

**Sickness** - you will be asked to remove your child from nursery immediately if they vomit and they must be free from symptoms for 48 hours before returning to nursery.

**Colds** - we will not exclude your child from nursery for colds. To prevent cross contamination we will contact you if your child becomes unwell or if we need to administer Calpol you will be asked to collect your child straight away.

**Conjunctivitis/thrush** - we will advise you to seek medical advice from your GP or pharmacist. We will continue to care for your child, and accept your child into nursery.



In the case of a serious accident or illness occurring then the parent / carer will be contacted immediately along with a GP, Health Visitor or ambulance service, and the appropriate action taken. In the unlikely event of the parent being unobtainable or the accident/illness being an emergency then a senior staff member will assume charge. If admitted to hospital we will do all we can to contact a parent/carers but will, in the absence of a parent/carers and in the best interests of the child, give permission for any necessary medical procedure to be carried out by a qualified practitioner.

This policy was reviewed and amended in March 2013 by Pauline Donoghue

Read and agreed by \_\_\_\_\_ (for the staff) Print name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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