

Sick Child Policy

If a child becomes ill while attending a group session they should be comforted and reassured.

If body waste has occurred the child should be changed and their clothing disposed of appropriately.

Other children must be removed from the area and this area must be cleaned immediately using bodily fluid kit. Staff cleaning the area must ensure that appropriate protective clothing is worn (Aprons, Gloves) and that the designated cleaning equipment is used. (red cloths, mops and anti-bacterial spray)

The child should be taken to the quiet area and allowed to rest. A staff member will stay with the child to provide support and reassurance. Other children should be discouraged from entering this area.

The parent/carer (or designated emergency contacts) must be contacted as soon as possible.

All incidents must be recorded into the incident book and a note should be made of:

- Nature of the illness
- What action was taken
- Any food or drink the child has consumed
- If the child has complained of pain i.e. headache, sore throat, stomach
- If a rash has been noticed

It is important that all information is relayed to the parent/carer before they leave the setting.

Absence from the setting

If a child is unwell due to:-

- vomiting,
- diarrhoea,
- Influenza,
- sticky eye or
- anything that is thought to be contagious,

Parents are asked not to bring him/her to the setting until the infection clears (incubation periods will vary but at least 48 hours is recommended)

We ask that parent's inform us of a child being ill at the earliest possible convenience. The setting phone number is 0151 928 8808 / 07831159339

If after an absence of three weeks parents have not communicated with the setting, we will take it that the child no longer requires their place.

Unfortunately fee payments still have to be paid during periods of absence (we still have to meet our overheads)

Ofsted and the Environmental Health will be notified of any communicable diseases, 2 or more children contacting food poisoning or any child having a serious disease.

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