



Caverstede Nursery School

Sick Child

Review every two years

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Review Due: June 2023

Children under five are very vulnerable to the spread of infection. We expect parents to keep their child at home if they are unwell.

- If a child is ill and prescribed antibiotics we ask parents to keep them at home for the first 24 hours.
- In cases of diarrhoea and sickness, we ask parents not to bring their child back into nursery or attend any groups until 48 hours after the last attack.
- We ask parents to inform us if a child is absent from nursery and for what reason. We ask parents to ensure we have up to date contact details. The Nursery will take measures to contact the parent/carer if we are not informed.
- If a child becomes unwell during their time at nursery we contact the parents using the parent contact sheet, referring to the named contacts if the parent is unavailable.
- We refer to care plans for children with allergies, requiring medication or other medical treatments.
- When the Nursery is unable to contact parent/carer, or in the absence of a parent/carer, staff would make a judgement as to whether medical advice or treatment is needed. The child will be cared for by familiar adults and a judgement will be made by our qualified paediatric first aiders as to the best location for the child, depending on the needs of the child and staff ratios.
- Emergency medication is kept in accordance with the medicines policy
- For other illnesses and infections, we refer to Public Health England www.gov.uk/government/organisations/public-health-england for information. We ask parents to seek advice from their GP.
- We would seek advice from Public Health England or local health protection teams on whether to inform other parents of infectious diseases, having particular regard to children with vulnerable health and medical conditions.
- We will notify Ofsted, as soon as reasonably practicable, within 14 days of the incident if an outbreak of food poisoning occurs that affects two or more children looked after on the premises.
(Statutory Framework for the EYFS 2021, (page 34 – 3.50).

We work in partnership with a range of agencies to meet all children's individual needs. We work closely with parent and/or relevant health professionals' (e.g. Community Nurse, Epilepsy Nurse) to ensure we are informed and/or trained about individual children's needs. An individual Health Care Plan will be written where necessary.

Please make reference to:

- Special Educational Needs and Disability Policy
- Medicines Policy
- Parents Handbook
- Supporting Pupils at School with Medical Conditions policy