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## **PROCEDURE FOR A SICK CHILD POLICY**

### **Statement of Intent**

We intend to ensure the Health and Safety and general wellbeing of all children in Pre-school care.

### **Aim**

We aim that any sick child will be dealt with promptly and reassuringly, and that the effect on other children is minimised.

### **Method**

If a child should become unwell during a Pre-school session, staff will follow this procedure.

- The person in charge will take the child to a quiet area, and isolate them where possible from other children.
- The parent/carer will be contacted as soon as possible.
- If required and only if previously arranged, a child's regular medicine could be given.
- In the case of serious illness telephone 999 immediately. A doctor or emergency ambulance will be called to Pre-school, and the parent/carer informed as soon as possible thereafter.
- The registration form giving any relevant details of the child will be given to the emergency services.
- No child will be left on his/her own.
- Any child leaving the setting early will be recorded in the register. Following any ambulance or doctor involvement the incident will be recorded in the incident book and signed as appropriate.

If a child on arrival appears unwell, or is reported to be unwell, parents will be asked to take them home. We do not provide care for children who are unwell, have a temperature, or sickness and diarrhoea, or who have an infectious disease. This is in line with the Health Protection Agency's Guidance on infection control in schools and other childcare settings.

We ask parents to observe local government guidelines regarding when a child should return to Pre-school after an infectious illness. In particular parents should note that we adopt a 48-hour rule for sickness and diarrhoea. This means that children and staff cannot return to Pre-school until 48 hours after their last bout of sickness and/or diarrhoea.

See also:

- Health and Safety Policy
- Administration of Medication Policy

This policy was agreed by the Management Committee on 19th January 2016

Signed on behalf of the Management Committee .....