

MANAGEMENT OF UNWELL CHILDREN

POLICY STATEMENT:

The Nursery will be aware of all children's health & welfare at all times. In instances where a child becomes ill at the Nursery, staff will ensure that the child is comforted, the parent is contacted.

HOW POLICY WILL BE IMPLEMENTED (Specific Policies & Procedures):

- If a child becomes unwell whilst at the Nursery the parents/guardians will be notified and asked to take the child home. The child will be made comfortable and separated from the other children until the parent/guardian arrives.
- If the child's parent/guardian is unable to be contacted then the emergency contact person, provided on the child's enrolment form, will be called.
- If staff are concerned that a child has a high temperature (i.e. 37.5 C +) the parent will be informed and asked to pick their child up to give liquid paracetamol or liquid Ibuprofen. Staff will take action to reduce the child's temperature through physical treatments i.e. removing the child's clothing, quietly laying in a cool place, and encouraging cool drinks of water, until the parent arrives to take their child home. If the child's temperature reaches a critical level the parent will be contacted again and an ambulance will be called.
- In extreme circumstances, if staff are concerned about the child's temperature and a parent or guardian cannot reach the Nursery, the parent may give permission over the telephone for a senior staff member to administer liquid paracetamol. Staff can only do this if the consent box on the child's registration form has been signed.
- The Person in Charge has the prerogative to call an ambulance or doctor if urgent medical attention is required. Every effort will be made to contact the parent or their nominated emergency contact people as soon as possible.
- The parent /guardian will be informed that the child is to remain at home until well enough to return to the Nursery. (see exclusion procedure document)

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