

## Sickness and Illness Policy and Procedure

**If your child is unwell please keep them at home.**

We will follow these procedures to ensure the welfare of all children who attend the pre school.

- If a child becomes ill during the session, parents will be contacted and asked to pick them up as soon as possible. During this time the child will be cared for in a quiet, calm area with their key person or a staff member they feel comfortable with.
- Should a child have an infectious illness, such as sickness/diarrhoea, it is very important that they do not return to pre school until at least 48 hours after the last bout.
- It is vital that we follow the advice given to us by our registering authority and exclude specific contagious conditions, e.g. sickness, diarrhoea, chicken pox. Illnesses of this nature are very contagious, by adhering to this policy we reduce the risk of exposing other children and the staff to the infection.
- If a contagious infection is identified at pre school, parents will be informed to enable them to spot the early signs of this illness. All equipment and resources that may have come into contact with a contagious child will be cleaned and sterilised thoroughly to reduce the spread of infection.
- It is important that children are not subjected to the rigours of the session if they are unwell and require a course of antibiotics. Therefore, our policy is to ask that parents of children given a course of antibiotics by their doctor, keep the child at home for the first 24 hours of the course.
- The pre school has the right to refuse admission to a child who is unwell. This decision will be taken by the Manager and is non-negotiable.
- If head lice or threadworm are present within the pre school parents will be advised. These are very common infections and parents are asked to check their child regularly, treat as required and inform the Manager or a staff member.

### **Meningitis procedure**

If a parent informs the pre school that their child has meningitis, the manager will contact the Infection Control (IC) Nurse for their area, and Ofsted. The IC Nurse will give guidance and support in each individual case. If parents do not inform pre school, we will be contacted directly by the IC Nurse and the appropriate support will be given.

### **Transporting children to hospital procedure**

- If the sickness/illness is severe, we will call for an ambulance immediately. We WILL NOT attempt to transport a sick child in our own vehicle.
- Parent will be contacted and arrangements made to come to pre school or meet at the hospital.
- A senior member of staff will accompany the child and collect together registration forms, relevant medication sheets, medication and the child's comforter.
- The Chairperson will be informed immediately.

This policy was adopted by the Bierton Pre School Committee

Date: **12<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

Signed:.....

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Role of signatory: **CHAIRPERSON**

signed, all staff: