



Procedures for children who are sick or infectious Agreement

- If your child is suffering from an illness they must not attend Little School if they are symptomatic.
- If your child is absent from Little School due to illness, it would be helpful if you could inform us of the type of illness they might have, as other children may be experiencing similar symptoms and this will enable us to keep a track on the situation.
- For more information on childhood illnesses and excludable diseases and current exclusion times, please refer to the Public Health England guidance.
- It is recommended that advice be sought from your family doctor as soon as possible in cases of suspected infections.
- If your child is absent from nursery due to illness, please could you inform Little School by 8.30am in order for us to adjust the staffing ratios, and order the correct number of children's meals.
- If a child appears unwell during the day – have a temperature, sickness, diarrhoea or pains particularly within the head/stomach - the Nursery Manager, or Deputy Nursery Manager will call the parents and ask them to collect their child.
- After any periods of diarrhoea or vomiting children are to be kept away from Little School for at least 48 hours, this is to aid your child's recovery and protect the other children and adults accessing the setting, including staff members.
- No adult whom is symptomatic with regards to an illness/infection must enter the setting to drop off, collect or care for the children.
- A child's temperature is taken using a Digital thermometer

- If a child has a temperature and the room is at normal temperature they may be made comfortable at times by removing some clothing. It is wrong to wrap up a feverish child. The aim is to prevent overheating or shivering.
- If deemed necessary Calpol will be given, this will be in line with our Medication policy and only given if absolutely necessary and if this has been authorised by the parent/carers to do so.
- In extreme cases of emergency your child will be taken to the nearest hospital and escorted by a member of the Senior Leadership Team.
- If your child has been prescribed any type of medication, they cannot be brought to nursery for 24 hours to ensure that there is no adverse reaction to the prescribed medication. After this time, if your child is well enough, they may return to nursery. If necessary the medication will continue to be administered by staff members (see Medication Policy)

Please note that we do not give any antibiotics unless it has been prescribed for your child

- Full nursery fees will be charged during sickness absences.

Procedures for children with allergies

- When parents start their child at the setting they are asked if their child suffers from any known allergies during the paperwork visit, if there are any this information is recorded upon the registration paperwork and cascaded to the staff team. The procedures in Little School are laid out in the whole school Allergens and Intolerance Foods policy.
- Greenfield School and Little School has a no nut policy.

Procedures for reporting 'notifiable diseases'

- If a child or adult is diagnosed suffering from a notifiable disease under the Public Health (Infectious Diseases) Regulations 1988, the GP will report this to the Health Protection Agency.
- When the setting becomes aware, or is formally informed of the notifiable disease, the manager informs Ofsted and acts on any advice given by the Health Protection Agency.
- If the Head/senior feels there is an issue within the setting due to a high number of recorded sicknesses she will notify and seek advice from the Health Protection Agency and inform ISI.

Nits and head lice

- Nits and head lice are not an excludable condition, although in exceptional cases a parent may be asked to keep the child away until the infestation has cleared.
- On identifying cases of head lice, all parents are informed and asked to treat their child and all the family if they are found to have head lice.
- Staff cannot treat any child for head lice this is the responsibility of the parents.
- Staff will only check a child's hair if the child is demonstrating discomfort (itching, hair pulling) around the head/hair area.
- The child will not be identifiable to any other child or parents accessing the setting.
- Notice and guidance for treating will be sent out to all parents accessing the service following on from an infestation, the child involved will remain anonymous.

Parent / Carers Signature:

Date: