



St Hugh of Lincoln Nursery

Illness of Child Policy, including COVID - 19

Aim

St. Hugh of Lincoln Nursery School aims to promote a healthy environment for all those using the facility. We understand the importance of good health to enable learning to take place.

Methods

In order to maintain a clean and healthy environment we ask parents to refrain from bringing their child to nursery if they are displaying any signs of illness. Procedures are in place to prevent the spread of infection including cleaning routines and training for staff.

Children taking prescribed medication must be well enough to attend the nursery. We ask that children refrain from attending the nursery for 24 hours from the first dose of anti-biotics being administered in case of a child displaying a reaction and also to give the medication time to start working. Children who require medication such as Calpol in the morning should also refrain from attending the same day as this may bring down their temperatures and hide symptoms of illness. We feel that if a child needs to be administered Calpol, or similar medication, that they are not well enough to attend the nursery and should be cared for at home. For children with symptoms of Conjunctivitis we ask that children receive their first administration of treatment before the return to the nursery.

Children and young people who are unwell and display signs of a respiratory infection, including COVID-19 or have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can go back to school, college or childcare when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend.

If a child falls ill during the nursery session, the key person and/or senior member of staff will contact the parent/carer (or emergency contact) to inform them of the symptoms the child is displaying. The Nursery Manager and/or key person will decide whether the child needs to be collected and arrangements will be made with the parent/carer.

Ill children will be made to as feel as comfortable as possible. This might include sitting with a member of staff or lying on a bed in a quiet room. The child will be closely monitored at all times. Advice from a medical professional will be sought if deemed necessary by the Manager.

If an infectious or contagious disease is identified, such as COVID 19, exclusion periods recommended by the Health Protection Agency will be followed.

Children with a positive COVID-19 test result will be advised to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for three days, 5 days for adults, which is when they are most infectious.

Should the Manager consider any illness to warrant immediate medical attention, the emergency services will be contacted to take the child directly to hospital. Parents will be informed accordingly.

Notices of a contagious disease where several cases are reported in a small period of time will be displayed on the Nursery door or via ParentMail.

Contagious diseases include chicken pox, mumps, COVID-19 and measles amongst others.

The Manager's decision regarding exclusion will be final.