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Sick Child Procedure

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V2	Spring 2021	S. Shilling	Equity statement added
V3	Autumn 2021	S. Shilling	
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Section	Changes Made
V3	Change of name for Public Health England and addition of Covid Guidance.

This policy has been equality impact assessed and we believe that it is in line with the Equality Act 2010 as it is fair, it does not prioritise or disadvantage any pupil and it helps to promote equality across Our Pride, Our Joy in line with The Fierté Multi-Academy Trust

Aim of this policy:

The aim of this policy is to ensure parents/carers and staff are all aware of the measures which must be followed when a child is taken ill in the setting, and how long they must remain away from the provision to prevent the spread of infection. In some instances, exclusion may be necessary.

3.44 The provider must promote the good health of children attending the setting. They must have a procedure, discussed with parents and carers, for responding to children who are ill or infectious, take necessary steps to prevent the spread of infection and take appropriate action if children are ill.

Infectious Child

Exclusion of Pupils

1. The purpose of exclusion is to separate a child with a potentially infectious disease from other children to prevent them from acquiring the infection. This means that children will normally be excluded while they remain infectious.
2. Information on periods of communicability and exclusion from the nursery is provided under the 'Communicable Diseases' poster sited on the Parents Nursery Notice Board and Care Club Notice Board.

Members of Staff with Infection

Staff employed in the nursery and care club i.e., practitioners, helpers, and students/volunteers etc. should have the same rules regarding staying away from work applied to them as are applied to pupils. They may return to work when they are no longer infectious, provided they feel well enough to do so.

The Unwell Child in Nursery

Children often become ill in Nursery or Care Club and early symptoms of an illness which started at home may become more pronounced during the time the child spends in the provision.

Management of the Sick Child

Whilst symptoms vary according to the nature of the illness there are certain symptoms that should always give rise to suspicion that a person is suffering from an infectious disease. These include diarrhoea and/or vomiting, high temperature, shivering and rash or skin spots.

- Segregate the child, as far as possible from others in the class, but do not leave the child alone in a room without adult supervision.
- Designate a toilet for sole use by the sick child.
- Contact the parents/carers and ask for the child to be collected.

- Ask the child to cover the nose, and mouth when coughing.
- Cover skin lesions which are discharging with a waterproof dressing
- All staff and other children should wash their hands after touching the ill child or encountering blood or bodily fluids. An apron should be worn by the adult dealing with the child.
- Medical rooms must be cleaned and disinfected after use and after any contamination of the area with bodily fluids.
- The child should remain absent from Nursery or Care Club until the exclusion period has passed for the illness that they have.

Childcare settings are asked to telephone their local HPT (health protection teams) as soon as possible to report any serious or unusual illness particularly for:

- Escherichia coli (VTEC) (also called E. coli 0157) or E coli VTEC infection.
- food poisoning
- hepatitis
- measles, mumps, rubella (rubella is also called German measles)
- meningitis
- tuberculosis
- typhoid
- whooping cough (also called pertussis)

Children Act Regulations state you must notify Ofsted of any communicable diseases.

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