University of Warwick Nursery

PROCEDURE FOR DEALING WITH SICK CHILDREN

We have a duty to promote the health and well being of all of the children who attend the nursery. Children who are unwell are not able to reach their full potential and develop a healthy lifestyle. To this end we have developed this policy and procedure for dealing with sick children.

In the event of a child being taken ill while in the Nursery the staff will follow the procedure detailed below:

- The child’s temperature will be taken, if abnormal, efforts will be made to reduce the temperature to an acceptable level by offering cool drinks and sponging down.
- If appropriate the child will be removed to a quiet area of the nursery made comfortable and monitored by a member of staff.
- At the same time efforts will be made to contact the child’s parents/carers to discuss the child’s condition.
- Having been appraised of the situation the parent/carer will then be encouraged to make a decision as the steps they wish to take next, i.e. to collect the child immediately or “wait and see”.
- If the Nursery is unable to contact either parent or emergency contact, messages will be left asking the parent/carer to contact the Nursery immediately and Nursery staff will continue to monitor the child’s condition.
- In the event that a child is taken home because they are unwell parents will be reminded of the nursery exclusion through illness policy and advised when they will be permitted to bring the child back into nursery.
- Should the child be taken ill suddenly or the child’s condition deteriorate so that staff feel it necessary to seek medical advice, the Nursery Manager, or most senior member of staff, will accompany the child to the nearest hospital A & E department. The parent/carer will be informed of the action and arrange to meet the nursery staff and child at the hospital. (It is Nursery policy that if a child needs to be hospitalised, an ambulance will be called).
- In the event of a child being diagnosed with a notifiable disease, or two or more children have food poisoning, the information will be passed onto Health Protection Agency, Westgate House, Market Street, Warwick, CV34 4DE. Tel; 01926 493491 and Ofsted.

Children who are taken ill at home.

If a child is taken ill at home and is not fit to attend nursery parents/carers are requested to contact the nursery to advise them of the reason for the child’s absence. This is so that in the case a child has contracted an infectious illness the parents of other children can be advised.

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### PROCEDURE: EXCLUSION THROUGH ILLNESS

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<th>Disease/illness</th>
<th>Minimum exclusion period</th>
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<td>Antibiotics</td>
<td>2 days from outset</td>
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<td>High temperature</td>
<td>If sent home, 24 hours</td>
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<td>Vomiting</td>
<td>If sent home, 48 hours after the last occurrence</td>
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<td>Conjunctivitis</td>
<td>Follow guidance from GP</td>
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<td>Diarrhoea</td>
<td>48 hours after last episode</td>
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<td>Chicken pox</td>
<td>5 days from appearance of rash</td>
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<td>Gastro-enteritis, food</td>
<td>Until authorised by District Community Physician</td>
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<td>poisoning, salmonella and dysentery</td>
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<td>Infected hepatitis</td>
<td>7 days from onset of jaundice</td>
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<td>Measles</td>
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<td>Meningococcal infection</td>
<td>Until recovered from infection</td>
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<td>Mumps</td>
<td>Until swelling has subsided and in no case less 7 days from onset of illness</td>
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<td>Whooping cough</td>
<td>21 days from onset of paroxysmal cough</td>
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<td>Poliomyelitis</td>
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<td>Scarlet fever and Streptococcal infection of the throat</td>
<td>Until appropriate medical treatment has been given and in no case for less than 3 days from the start of treatment.</td>
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<td>Impetigo</td>
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Hand, Foot and Mouth  No exclusion period

A list of notifiable illness can be found over leaf.
If a child is diagnosed as having one of the following illnesses the Health Protection Agency must be notified:

- Acute encephalitis
- Acute poliomyelitis
- Anthrax
- Cholera
- Diphtheria
- Dysentery
- Food poisoning
- Leptospirosis
- Malaria
- Measles
- Meningitis
  - Meningococcal
  - Pneumococcal
  - Haemophilus influenzae
  - Viral
  - Other specified
  - Unspecified
- Meningococcal septicaemia (without meningitis)
- Mumps
- Ophthalmia neonatorum
- Paratyphoid fever
- Plague
- Rabies
- Relapsing fever
- Rubella
- Scarlet fever
- Smallpox
- Tetanus
- Tuberculosis
- Typhoid fever
- Typhus fever
- Viral haemorrhagic fever
- Viral hepatitis
  - Hepatitis A
  - Hepatitis B
  - Hepatitis c
  - Other
- Whooping cough
- Yellow fever

Leprosy is also notifiable, but directly to the HPA, Cfi, IM&T Dept

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