



SICKNESS AND INJURY PROCEDURE (NURSERY) 2021

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Reckleford Nursery

Sickness and Injuries Policy

Our policy is to protect all children in our care from infectious diseases and infections. There fore it is our duty to ask all parent/carers to keep children who are unwell at home to reduce the risk of spreading any infections to other children and staff.

When should you keep your child at home?

When your child is suffering from:

- A suspect rash,
- Diarrhoea or vomiting,
- Sore throat,
- A temperature,
- Discharge from eyes, nose, or ears (not just a cold)
- If your child needs medication such as 'Calpol', please keep them at home. Temperature and pain reducing medication will only be administered at the nursery in an emergency.

If your child becomes unwell whilst at nursery, every effort will be made to contact the parents/carers or the emergency contact names listed. The parent/carers will be asked to collect their child from nursery.

If your child becomes unwell or has an accident whilst at nursery and requires admission to hospital staff will follow all appropriate procedures and contact the parent/carers.

Please inform the nursery if your child will not be at nursery, especially when they have an infectious disease. We can then notify other parent/carers.

The nursery staff will administer prescribed medicines. This does not include medication such as 'Calpol' or cough medicines that have not been prescribed. Parent/carers will need to complete a medication form before nursery staff can administer any medication, this will include teething treatment and nappy creams.

The first 24 hours on antibiotics must be spent at home.

Below is a list of the minimum exclusion periods for infections and diseases.

Disease and infections	Minimal exclusion period
Chicken Pox	5 days from onset of rash
Diarrhoea	48 hours clear
Vomiting	48 hours clear
High Temperature	24 hours clear
Impetigo	until skin has healed or 48hrs after commencing antibiotics
Measles	4 days from onset of rash
Whooping cough	5 days after commencing antibiotics

Mumps	5 days from first signs of swelling
Antibiotics	24 hours
Hand, foot and mouth	whilst rash and ulcers are present

We do not exclude children from nursery for having head lice, however we do ask you to check your child's hair and inform the nursery if your child has head lice. We do have information and advice on treating head lice, please ask a member of staff for details.

Allergies

If your child has an allergy you must inform the nursery. This can be done on entry via the admissions form or verbally to a member of staff. A list with the children's allergies/medical conditions is kept in the nursery at all times. The senior teacher will inform staff if a child has an allergy. If a child has had a severe allergic reaction and an Epi-pen is required parents must fill out the necessary paperwork before the child can come to nursery.

All members of staff are qualified in administering first aid and have a current Paediatric first aid certificate.

We have first aid equipment that is regularly updated in the nursery and for outings.

Parent/carers will be asked to sign an accident form if their child has had an accident whilst at nursery.

Please inform us if your child has had an injury at home. We will ask you to sign an 'accident on arrival to nursery' form.

Serious Accidents/Illnesses/Injuries

Serious accidents/ injuries/illnesses/death of a child whilst in the nursery's care must be reported to Ofsted within 14 days. Children's Social Care must also be informed.

Temporary Policy Addendum due to Covid 19

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WHEN TO SELF-ISOLATE:

Pupils, children, staff and other adults **must not** come into the school if: they have one or more coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms -

- a temperature,
- a new, continuous cough
- loss of smell or taste
- vomiting or diarrhoea
- severe headache or sore throat
- a member of their household (including someone in their support bubble or childcare bubble if they have one) has coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms
- they are returning from abroad
- they have had a positive test

You must not attend for at least 10 days from the day after:

- the start of their symptoms

- the test date if they did not have any symptoms but have had a positive test(whether this was a Lateral Flow Device (LFD) or Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) test)

Anyone told to isolate by NHS Test and Trace or by their public health protection team has a legal obligation to self-isolate, but you may leave home to avoid injury or illness or to escape risk of harm. More information can be found on NHS Test and Trace: how it works.

If anyone in the school or nursery develops any Covid symptoms **we will**:

- send them home **IMMEDIATELY** to begin isolation-the isolation period includes the day the symptoms started and the next 10 full days
- advise them to follow the guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection
- advise them to arrange to have a test as soon as possible to see if they have coronavirus (COVID-19)
- tell them to inform us immediately of their test results

If a member of staff or a pupil tests positive we will seek advice from Public Health England as to who we must inform and which bubbles to close. We will inform those families and members of staff immediately.

Other members of their household (including any siblings and members of their support or childcare bubble if they have one) **MUST** self-isolate. Their isolation period includes the day symptoms started for the first person in their household, or the day their test was taken if they did not have symptoms, whether this was a Lateral Flow Device (LFD) or Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) test, and the next 10 full days. If a member of the household starts to display symptoms while self-isolating they will need to restart the 10 day isolation period and book a test.

If anyone tests positive whilst not experiencing symptoms but develop symptoms during the isolation period, they must restart the 10 day isolation period from the day they developed symptoms.