



Children Who Are Sick/Infectious **Policy**

(Children With Allergies Added On)

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This policy will be reviewed annually. It will also be revised following any concerns and/or updates to national and local guidance and procedures.

Statement

St Peter's Busy Bees Pre-school provides care for healthy children, through preventing cross infection of bacterial viruses and bacterial infections, promoting health through identifying allergies and preventing any contact with the allergenic substance.

Procedures

- If a child becomes unwell whilst in the care of the setting, the parent /carer will be contacted using the information provided on the admissions form.
- If a parent cannot be contacted for any reason, the manager or child's key worker will get in touch with the emergency contact on the form to collect the child as soon as possible. The child is kept away from the other children where possible to limit the spread of any infectious disease. They will stay with their key worker (where possible) in a suitable quiet area.
- Children who are running a temperature are kept cool and away from draughts until they can be collected.
- The child's temperature is taken using a forehead thermometer.
- In an extreme emergency the child should be taken by ambulance to the nearest hospital and the parent informed.
- Parents are asked not to bring their child into pre-school for a minimum of 48 hours after an episode of sickness or diarrhea; this will reduce the possibility of spreading the infection.
- Where a child is prescribed antibiotics, parents are asked to keep them at home for a period of 48 hours before returning to the setting.
- Parents are asked to telephone or text the setting on the first day of their child being absent, giving the reason why, and expected date of return.
- Parents will be notified, but not given the child's name, if there is an outbreak of an infectious disease. E.g. chicken pox.
- Cuts or open sores, whether on adults or children are to be covered with a suitable dressing at all times.
- Ofsted will be notified of any accidents, illness, injury to, or death of, any child whilst in the care of the setting, and the action taken in respect of it, within 14 days of the event taking place.
- Single use vinyl gloves and aprons are to be worn when changing children's nappies, underwear or clothing that is soiled with blood, urine, faeces or vomit.

- Good hygiene practice concerning the clearing of any spilled bodily fluids is carried out at all times, using appropriate cleaning materials to clear up the spillage. Hygiene precautions for dealing with body fluids are the same for all children and adults. Spills of blood, urine, faeces or vomit are cleared using mild disinfectant solution and mops; any cloths that have been used are disposed of.
- Protective rubber gloves are used for rinsing clothing after changing.
- Soiled clothing is bagged for parents to collect, and stored outside away from the children.
- Tables and other furniture, furnishings or toys affected by blood, urine, faeces or vomit are cleaned using disinfectant, and dried accordingly.
- Children and families are not excluded from the setting because of HIV or any other recorded disease where the setting can ensure the safety of all others attending the setting, either child, adult, staff or visitor.

Reporting of Notifiable Diseases:

- If a child or adult is diagnosed with a notifiable disease under the Health Protection Notification Regulation 2010, the GP will report this to the Health Protection Agency. A full list of notifiable diseases is available on www.gov.uk/notifiablediseases
- When the setting is made aware, or is formally informed of the notifiable disease, the setting manager will inform the committee chairperson and Ofsted, acting on any advice provided by the local health agency.

Nits and Head Lice:

- Nits and head lice are not excludable conditions, although in exceptional cases parents may be asked to keep the child away until the infestation is cleared.
- On identifying a case of head lice, all parents are informed via email and asked to treat their children's hair accordingly.

Children with Allergies:

- When a child starts at the setting their parents complete the admission form, which asks for any known allergies to be noted. Allergies are made known to all staff, and listed upon the allergies list displayed in the kitchen.
- Particularly if the allergy is linked to food, the manager or key worker will ensure they have an informed discussion with the parents to ensure full understanding.
- Parents are asked to complete a health care plan detailing any allergies. The healthcare plan details the:
 - nature of allergy
 - reaction experienced

- what to do in case of an emergency
 - (where applicable) measures to prevent this happening.
- We ask that parents keep us up date, as and when the situation changes. The health care plan is kept in the child's file and a copy given to their parents.
- Parents train staff to administer special medication in the event of an allergic reaction.
- No nut products are allowed to be used in the setting.
- Parents are made aware of this in the admissions pack.