



Maisie Poppins Nursery

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Maisie Poppins Nursery: Updated Policies & Procedures

Illness & Infectious Disease Policy & Procedure

Policy

We will not be able to care for any child who may present infection or hygiene risk to other children in our care, including staff and family members onsite. We will work to prevent the spread of infections and disease by ensuring high standards of hygiene and cleanliness practice in our setting at all times, particularly hand washing and following the '*guidance on infection control in schools and other settings*' set out by the public health agency. (last update March 2017). This is displayed around our nursery for parents and staff and explained often.

Procedure

- Any child with an infectious or disease must be kept at home until they are no longer infectious as confirmed by the GP or hospital staff and verified in writing to us. (e.g. measles, mumps, and food poisoning). These are 'notifiable' diseases and must be confirmed as soon as possible and reported to us. If there is confirmation we have a responsibility to report this to our local Health Protection Unit, other parents and OFSTED and the Learning Trust early years coordinator.
- Any child suffering from vomiting and/or diarrhea must be completely clear for 48 hours before returning to the child care setting. If this occurs at nursery the parent will be called to pick up following x 2 events of either.
- Any parent picking up/dropping off their child must observe the same guidance in order not to infect other children, other parents and staff.
- All staff have to ensure they are up to date with their own immunisations and Staff under 25 need to ensure they have had x 2 doses of MMR immunisation.

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- We encourage parents to follow the UK universal immunisation schedule as set out in July 2016 for their child/ren. Children who present with certain risk factors may require additional immunisations. All immunisation/lack thereof and previous hospital stays need to be reported and evidenced through red book checks before the child starts and periodically during their time with us in order for us to safeguard children in our care as much as possible.
- We reserve the right not to accept an unwell child who may adversely affect the care we are able to offer to the other children in the setting, or any child who clearly needs the emotional support of their parent/main carer during their illness.
- If a child becomes ill whilst in our childcare setting, parents will be contacted and informed and a decision will be made whether it is appropriate for the child to be collected. Any child with vomiting and diarrhea will be cared for separately to the group until they are picked up by their parent/carer as soon as possible.
- Any sick child in the setting will be cared for according to first aid training and in a caring and nurturing way until they are picked up, all information will be carefully handed over in order for care to be continued at home.
- As per UK law, parents have a legal right not to immunise their children at all or according to a private schedule that does not follow the universal one. All parents/carers will need to sign to say they understand this at contract stage prior to their child starting with us at nursery.

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