

Petite Ambassadors Day Nursery

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Sick Children Policy

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Sick Children will NOT be accepted at the Nursery

At Petite Ambassadors Day Nursery, we do not provide care for children who are unwell, have a temperature, or sickness and/or diarrhoea, or who have an infectious disease. This is in line with the Health Protection Agency's Guidance on Control in Schools and other Childcare settings.

We adopt a 48 hours rule for sickness and diarrhoea. This means that **children** and **staff** cannot return to Nursery until 48 hours after their last bout of sickness and/ or diarrhoea.

Young children's nappies will be individually monitored. If a child is displaying obvious sickness and diarrhoea, they will be sent home. However, loose nappies will be monitored and after 2 loose nappies, parents will be notified and asked to take the child home. For Older Children, with obvious sickness and/or diarrhoea, the parents/carers will be contacted and asked to collect them immediately.

In the event of your child/ children becoming ill whilst at the Nursery, the staff will follow the outline procedure below:

- ✓ Key person/ Back up key person and person in charge to be informed
- ✓ Description of the symptoms/ problem to be relayed to the appropriate staff
- ✓ Key person to assess the child and decide on appropriate action required.
- ✓ If the child is thought to have an infectious disease or is deemed too unwell to attend the setting, the key person or senior staff will contact the child's parents/carers to ask them to collect the child.
- ✓ If the parents are unavailable emergency contact numbers will then be used
- ✓ Whilst the child is waiting for his/her parents they will be offered fluids and supported in a quiet or rest area.

Children with headlice are not excluded but must be treated to remedy the condition. We notify all parents if there is a case of headlice. Visitors are notified if there is an infectious disease, such as chicken pox. Children or families are not excluded because of HIV.

The Public Health England South Region (Tel 0345 504 8668) is notified of any infectious disease that a qualified medical person considers notifiable. (Infectious Disease (Notification) Act 1889)

Child needs to be sent home immediately	Child does not need to be sent home immediately
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Contact parent/ carer▪ Make child suitably comfortable,▪ Encourage rest/ fluids, whatever is required/ appropriate to their illness symptoms▪ Move child to a more appropriate area of the nursery▪ Dress/ undress appropriately▪ Comfort and reassure child/ren▪ Update and inform parents/ carer on collection▪ Advise Doctors appointment if this is felt necessary▪ Request the parent/ carer phones later/ next day/ after Dr. appointment to inform Nursery of diagnosis	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Make child suitably comfortable▪ Encourage rest/ fluids, whatever is required/ appropriate to their illness symptoms▪ Encourage quiet activity▪ Inform all staff of the situation and advise close monitoring if child moves away to play▪ Dress/ undress appropriately▪ Regularly assess child/ ren▪ Update and inform parents/ carer on collection▪ Advise doctor's appointment if felt necessary ▪ Request parent/ carer phones later/ next day if there is any developments or diagnosis

Notify other users of the Nursery if the child is discovered to have an infectious/contagious condition/illness respecting the privacy of the ill child/family

Notify Ofsted and Environmental health of any infectious disease

Advise parent/carer on the agreed time of return to nursery, taking into consideration the illness and required incubation periods.

This policy was adopted on	Signed on behalf of the nursery	Date for review
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