



Kingsdown Pre-school Sick Child Policy

At Kingsdown Pre-school the welfare of all children is paramount. We aim to promote the good health of the children in our care and provide a healthy environment in which children can play and learn.

This policy shows how we respond 'to children who are ill or infectious, take necessary steps to prevent the spread of infection, and take appropriate action if children are ill' EYFS Sept 2021 section 3.45

We request that parents/carers do not send children to pre-school if:

- your child has a temperature or any other illness for which you feel requires an infant suspension to be administered
- your child is suffering from sickness or diarrhoea. Please do not send them until 48 hours has passed since the last episode
- your child is within the recommended quarantine period for infectious illness

If your child requires prescribed medication during the pre-school session then please speak to the Manager or deputy on arrival. Only prescribed medication bearing the name of your child can be administered. (See Administration of Medicine policy)

It should always be considered that if your child needs medication, they may not be well enough to attend pre-school.

There will be occasions when children become unwell during their time at pre-school.

If a child becomes unwell during the session, pre-school will:

- contact a parent/carer and request that your child be collected as soon as possible.
- contact parents/carers to collect their child immediately after a bout of sickness and/or diarrhoea. The child should stay away from pre-school until 48 hours after the last episode

For these reasons, it is important to ensure that your contact telephone numbers are up to date at all times.

A member of staff (preferably their key person) will be allocated to comfort and care for the sick child until the parent/carer arrives to collect them. Until they are collected, they will be kept in a quiet area away from the other children.

In the event of a serious illness requiring urgent medical attention, the procedure below will be followed:

- Appropriate ratios of staff to children will be maintained at all times
- One member of staff will stay with the sick child
- Another member of staff will telephone for an ambulance and the parent/carer. If the ambulance arrives before the parent/carer a staff member, preferably the one who is

looking after the child, will accompany them in the hospital. The staff member will take with them the child's registration form so that any important medical information can be relayed to the appropriate medical staff.

Long term illness or allergy

If your child has a long term medical condition such as asthma or if they suffer from any allergy please discuss this with the Manager or deputy member who will ensure full details are recorded on your child's registration form. If considered necessary, a care plan will be drawn up and you will be asked to sign this.

If your child has a serious allergy that may require the administration of an adrenalin autoinjector such as an EpiPen you must ensure that pre-school are supplied with two that can be kept on the premises at all times. If your child suffers from asthma and needs an inhaler on a regular basis again you must ensure that pre-school is provided with the necessary equipment to administer this that can be kept on the premises at all times.

If there are any changes to your child's medical conditions or their general health it is the parent's responsibility to inform us. Any changes of any kind will be noted on your child's registration form and/or health care plan which you will be asked to sign.

Training

There is always at least one member of staff present who is trained in paediatric first aid and we aim for all permanent staff to have paediatric first aid training. These are renewed every three years.

The administering of an adrenalin autoinjector now forms part of this first aid training but if at any time staff feel it is necessary, specialist training will be sought. Training will also be sought on any other long term condition as appropriate.

Infectious diseases

- Parents/carers will be notified as soon as possible if there is a case of an infectious disease such as chicken pox affecting any child at pre-school. In such cases a notice will be also displayed in the entrance area.
- In cases of head lice, children with head lice are not excluded as long as they have been treated to remedy the condition.
- In the event of infectious illness, Pre-school will follow the exclusion periods outlined by the Health Protection Guidance in schools and childcare settings.
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/health-protection-in-schools-and-other-childcare-facilities>
- Pre-school will notify Ofsted, UKHSA Health Protection team of any infectious, notifiable or communicable disease as appropriate

This policy was reviewed by Kingsdown Pre-school on 12 April 2022. It will be reviewed annually or sooner if required

Signed on behalf of Kingsdown Pre-school A.Bridges
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