



Policy On Children Who Become Ill or Sustain an Injury Whilst At Nursery

This policy covers the procedure for children who become ill or receive a significant injury whilst at Nursery.

CHILDREN WHO BECOME UNWELL WHILST AT NURSERY

- Any member of staff suspecting a child is unwell must report this to a senior member of staff and First Aider.
- The child will be made as comfortable as possible preferably away from other children in order to minimize the risk of cross-infection.
- The person in charge or Keyworker will telephone the parents first, if no response then other emergency numbers.
- If no response from contacts, the child will be cared for as comfortably as possible and contact numbers will continue to be rung.
- When the child is collected, parents will be advised to seek medical advice where appropriate.
- If a child spikes a high temperature the Nursery protocol for administering Calpol in an emergency situation, as detailed in the Administering of Medicines and Health Care Plans Policy, will be used if parents have already given written generic permission.
- Antihistamine can be administered where a GP/Consultant has recommended or prescribed antihistamine for the treatment of a mild allergic reaction
- If staff are concerned that a child is deteriorating before parents arrive e.g. excessive temperature of 40°C+, suspected meningitis, they will contact emergency services
- Nursery staff are not permitted to administer any other non-prescription medicines.

CHILDREN WHO SUSTAIN AN INJURY WHILST AT NURSERY

- Minor injuries will be dealt with in accordance with procedures laid down in Chichester Nursery School, Children and Family Centre First Aid Policy.
- In the case of more serious injuries, including severe head injuries, appropriate First Aid should be administered and, if necessary, the Emergency Services called. Parents should be notified at the earliest opportunity and the child's Keyworker will accompany the child to hospital and stay until his / her parents arrive. The procedures for dealing with serious injuries are laid down in Chichester Nursery School, Children and Family Centre First Aid Policy, which should be read alongside this policy.
- The Headteacher and Deputy Headteacher must be informed of any incident where the parent has been given the advice to take the child to A&E.