



## Health and Ill Health Policy

Windsor Kindergarten believes that the health and safety of children is paramount. We make our setting a safe and healthy place for our children, parents, team and volunteers.

We fully recognise that there may be children who may need regular medication for chronic illnesses or life threatening allergic reactions. Long term medical needs are very different to the ill health scenarios described below. See Administering Medication Policy for details.

Our policy and approach for the exclusion of ill or infectious children is discussed with parents and information entitled "Health Matters" forms part of the starter pack. This includes procedures for contacting parents or other authorized adults, if a child becomes unwell whilst in the setting.

We use the document 'Health Protection Agency Guidance on Infections Control in Schools and other Childcare Settings' (stored in the Office) to support us with regard to health and ill-health.

- We do not provide care for children who are unwell, have a high temperature, sickness or diarrhoea, or who have an infectious disease.
- Parents are asked to keep their children at home if they have any infection, and to inform the nursery as to the nature of the infection. This will allow the nursery to alert other parents as necessary and to make careful observation of any other child who seems unwell.
- We will always notify parents of infections in the setting such as chicken pox, measles, whooping cough, head-lice, slapped cheek or impetigo, and do this through notices, emails and weekly newsletter.
- Parents are asked not to bring into the nursery any child who has been vomiting or had diarrhoea until at least 48 hours has elapsed since the last attack.
- Children who have head-lice or thread-worms are not excluded but we ask that parents treat their child to remedy the situation.
- Cuts or open sores whether on adults or children, will be covered with sticking plaster or other dressing.
- Children of the team who are unwell with infections will not attend the setting.
- Good hygiene practice concerning the clearing of spilled bodily fluids is carried out at all times.
- Team members suffering from an infectious illness are required to be absent and will call the Proprietor/Manager to arrange cover.
- Team members, children and families are not excluded because of HIV.
- The Manager will notify the Local Authority Officers (Environmental Health Richmond Borough, 0208 891 7994) and OFSTED of diseases as identified by the Public Health (Infectious Diseases) Regulations 1988. See next page.



## Diseases notifiable (to Local Authority Proper Officers) under the Public Health (Infectious Diseases) Regulations 1988

- Acute Encephalitis
- Acute Meningitis
- Acute poliomyelitis
- Acute infectious hepatitis
- Anthrax
- Botulism
- Brucellosis
- Cholera
- Diphtheria
- Enteric fever (typhoid or paratyphoid fever)
- Food poisoning
- Haemolytic uremic syndrome (HUS)
- Infectious bloody diarrhoea
- Invasive group A streptococcal disease and scarlet fever
- Legionnaires' Disease
- Leprosy
- Malaria
- Measles
- Meningococcal septicaemia
- Mumps
- Plague
- Rabies
- Rubella
- SARS
- Smallpox
- Tetanus
- Tuberculosis
- Typhus
- Viral hemorrhagic fever (VHF)
- Whooping cough
- Yellow fever
- Leprosy is also notifiable but directly to the HPA, CfI, IM&T Dept.

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