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## **Bristol University Day Nursery**

### **Policy/Procedure on Sickness for Children**

#### **Rationale**

We believe that children with long-term medical needs have the same rights of admission to the setting as other children. We will work with staff, parents, children and relevant healthcare professionals to enable this to happen whilst ensuring the safety of staff and children and recognising that there may be circumstances in which this is unable to occur e.g. with complex medical procedures.

#### **If a child becomes unwell**

If a child becomes ill whilst at nursery every effort will be made to contact his/her parent/carer. Parents are expected to collect their unwell child as soon as possible, not only to minimize the risk of cross infection, but also because we do not have the resources to care for a sick child. If staff are unable to contact the parents, the emergency contact numbers will be used. It is for this reason that emergency contacts should be available to collect your child if necessary.

#### **When parents can be contacted**

Parents are called if a child's temperature exceeds 100.4°F (38°C). Should a child's temperature exceed 102.2°F (39°C), and their parents are more than 30 minutes away, with verbal and signed permission from the parents Calpol may be administered.

If a child is sent home ill, staff members need to ensure that parents are aware that they need to inform the nursery of the medical diagnosis or the child's condition as soon as possible.

If a child is diagnosed with a viral infection which is easily spread by touch or by droplets from coughing or sneezing, for example chicken pox, they must be excluded from nursery until they are no longer infectious or contagious (see attached the guidance on infection control).

If a child is sent home with any other illness or symptoms, the parents **must** consult with the senior nursery staff about the length of time that the child may need to be excluded from the nursery.

No child should return to nursery until the parent is confident that he/she is well enough to cope happily with nursery life without medication (i.e. Calpol) and has not had a temperature in the last 24 hours.

Should a child require immediate medical attendance 999 will be called first followed by the parents.

### **Vomiting or Diarrhoea**

If a child has vomiting or diarrhoea they cannot return to nursery for 48 hours after their last bout. Children are expected to have eaten a full meal or passed a solid stool. This is following Bristol City Council and NHS guidelines. We hope that this will prevent the spread of any infections. This is for the wellbeing of the child and other children within the setting.

If there was to be an outbreak of vomiting and/or diarrhoea the nursery would follow the Bristol City Council guidelines on infectious disease outbreaks, whilst consulting with the HPA and University.

### **Responsibilities**

We will do our utmost to ensure that an ill child is given the best care as possible until their parents arrive. The unwell child should not be left alone. If any Calpol or antihistamine has been given a medicine form will be completed and the parents will sign on collecting their child.

UNPA has a duty to inform Ofsted, the Health Protection Agency and RIDDOR, if any child is diagnosed with any of the following infectious diseases: Acute poliomyelitis, Anthrax, Cholera, Covid-19, Diphtheria, Dysentery, Food Poisoning, Leptospirosis, Malaria, Measles, Meningitis, Meningococcal septicemia, Mumps, Paratyphoid fever, Plague, Rabies, Relapsing fever, Rubella, Scarlet fever, Smallpox, Tetanus, TB, Typhoid fever, Typhus fever, Viral hemorrhagic fever, Viral hepatitis, (Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C) Whooping cough, Yellow fever, Leprosy is also notifiable, but directly to the Health and Protection Agency.

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Link to statutory framework 2021	Section 3; Health; 3.45 pg 32