



Safeguarding and Welfare Requirement: Health

Providers must promote good health of the children attending the setting. They must have a procedure, discussed with parents and/or carers, for responding to children who are ill or infectious, take necessary steps to prevent the spread of infection, and take appropriate action if children are ill.

6.2 Managing children with allergies, or who are sick or infectious

Policy statement

We aim to provide care for healthy children through preventing cross infection of viruses and bacterial infections and promote health through identifying allergies and preventing contact with the allergenic trigger.

The Manager or Assistant must be informed immediately if a child becomes ill while at the setting. The child's parents will then be informed as soon as possible.

If the illness appears communicable, the child should be cared for by a member of staff but kept away from the other children. The parents should be encouraged to collect their child as soon as possible.

If a child has a temperature, we will strip the child according to the environment; if the environment is too warm, we may open a window and a lightweight blanket or sheet may be used to cover the child. If a child's temperature continues to be a concern, a parent/carer will be asked to come immediately to collect their child and Calpol will be administered*. An ambulance will be called if the child's condition deteriorates whilst waiting to be collected.

****Written consent needs to be given on the Registration Form and verbal consent given when parents/emergency contacts are contacted and informed of the high temperature. The Manager or Assistant Manager will make the decision for Calpol to be administered.***

Children who have been seen by their G.P. and prescribed antibiotics can be brought into the setting providing they do not have a communicable disease or notifiable infection as listed in the Guidance on Infection Control in Schools and other Child Care Settings published by the Health Protection Agency available

on www.hpa.org.uk. A member of staff will administer antibiotics, only after a signed consent by a child's parent/carer, and with a witness present.

Children and Staff will be excluded from the setting if they have diarrhoea and sickness until 48 hours* after cessation of symptoms. If a child has two unexplained loose stools whilst at the setting the parents will be called and recommended to arrange collection of the child.

Any exception to this guideline will be at the manager's discretion.

****We reserve the right to extend the 48 hour period if an outbreak occurs. An outbreak is defined as a case/cases which are required to be reported to Public Health England (PHE). Parents/carers will be notified of this should the situation arise.***

For all other infections, exclusion will be for the period recommended on the Guidance on Infection Control in Schools and other Child Care Settings published by the Health Protection Agency available on www.hpa.org.uk

We reserve the right to exclude children whom the Manager or Assistant Manager feel are not well enough to be at Pre School.

We have a duty to inform Ofsted, the Local Authority Environmental Health Officer, and the Consultant for Communicable Disease Control of the occurrence of all communicable diseases (a list of this diseases can be found here; <https://www.gov.uk/topic/health-protection/infectious-diseases>) and suspected outbreaks of infection including food poisoning. Any child who appears to be suffering from a communicable disease or condition will not be allowed to be at the setting. Parents will be informed by a notice in the entrance area if we are notified of an outbreak of a notifiable infection or communicable disease.

Procedures for children with allergies

When parents start their children at the setting they are asked if their child suffers from any known allergies. This information is recorded.

- If a child has a serious allergy, an individual care plan is completed to detail the following:
 - The allergen (i.e. the substance, material or living creature the child is allergic to such as nuts, eggs, bee stings, cats etc).
 - The nature of the allergic reactions e.g. anaphylactic shock reaction, including rash, reddening of skin, swelling, breathing problems etc

- What to do in case of allergic reactions, any medication used and how it is to be used (eg Epi-pen)
 - Control measures such as how the child can be prevented from contact with the allergen.
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- The care plan is kept in the main register and a list of all children with allergies and the procedure to follow is displayed where staff can see it in the kitchen.
 - Staff will receive training from the parent or other professional in how to administer special medication in the event of an allergic reaction.
 - No nuts or nut products are used within the setting
 - All staff are made aware of any allergies. Staff are to position themselves appropriately during meal and snack times to reduce risk of contamination.
 - We also have colour coded placemats which are used at meal/snack times.

This policy was reviewed & adopted by Pirton Pre-School Management Committee: September 2021