

STAMPERS PRE-SCHOOL

Care of Sick child policy (reviewed 18.2.16)

If a child arrives with any of the following symptoms parents/carers will be asked to take the child home. If the symptoms develop during the day, parents/carers will be contacted and asked to collect their child. Parents/carers are in the best position to make decisions about a child, including taking them to the doctor if necessary. As a care provider this also supports us in our duty to minimise the spread of infection to other children within our setting.

- Fever (100 degree F or 37.5 degrees centigrade underarm)
- Earache, irritability or confusion.
- Diarrhoea (runny, watery or bloody stools)
- Vomiting
- Body rash with fever
- Sore throat with fever and swollen glands
- Severe coughing (child gets red or blue in the face and makes a high-pitched whoop after cough)
- Eye discharge (thick mucus or pus draining from eye, or pink eye)
- Yellowish skin or eyes

Stampers Pre School adhere to the following procedure when excluding children who are unwell with an infectious disease.

- Parents/carers or named guardian will be contacted if a child becomes ill whilst in the setting, and asked to collect their child.
- We do not provide care for children who are unwell, have a temperature, or sickness and diarrhoea, or who have an infectious disease.
- Children with headlice are not excluded (unless heavily infested, in which case parents/carers will be contacted and asked to collect), but must be treated to remedy the condition.
- Parents/carers are notified (a letter will be sent home) if there is a case of headlice in the setting.
- Parents/carers are notified if there is an infectious disease, such as chicken pox.
- HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus) may affect children or families attending the setting. Staff will be informed about it.
- Children or families are not excluded because of HIV.
- Good hygiene practice concerning the clearing of any spilled bodily fluids is carried out at all times.
- Parents/carers are asked not to bring into Stampers any child who has been vomiting or had diarrhoea until at least 48 hours has elapsed since the last attack.
- Parents/carers are asked to keep their children at home if they have any infection, and to inform Stampers as to the nature of the infection so that Stampers staff can alert other parents, and make careful observations of any child who seems unwell. Parents/carers are requested to please be aware that a child who is just mildly unwell at home will have greater demands placed on them at preschool - **including outdoor play (this is a necessary and required part of our daily curriculum - arrangements cannot be made to keep certain children in due to eg having a cold)** - and to please consider not bringing them in. Parents are asked to be considerate when returning children to

Stampers following a notifiable infectious disease such as Chicken Pox, Mumps etc., and that the recommended isolation period is complete.

- Cuts and open sores, whether on adults or children, will be covered with a dressing.
- The local authority's medical officer for environmental health is notified of any infectious diseases that a qualified medical person considers notifiable. (Infectious Disease (Notification) Act 1889). Ofsted is also informed where this is the case. The full list is obtainable from www.patient.co.uk and includes common childhood illnesses such as measles, mumps, rubella, scarlet fever. (doesn't include chicken pox)
- If a child is on prescribed medication then the Medication Policy will be followed (See Medication Policy).
- The Pre-School will follow current Government advice during epidemic and/or pandemic illness, and will make such advice available to parents/carers
- All accidents will be recorded and reported in accordance with the requirements of the Reporting of Injuries Diseases and Dangerous Occurrence Regulations 1995 (RIDDOR)

Procedure

If a child falls sick or ill in any way, or complains of pain, aches or sores whilst in the care of Stampers Pre-school the following actions will be taken.

- If a child is complaining of aches and pains the staff will offer the child a drink of water and talk to them to see how serious the problem is. The staff member will then take the child into a quiet corner for five minutes to see if the problem can be dealt with on site.
- If the child is still uncomfortable after a period of approximately 10 minutes, their parent/carer will be called and alerted of the problem.
- If the child is not collected the staff will do all they can to make the child comfortable until the parent/carer arrives or until it is time to go home.

However, if a child is physically sick, has diarrhoea or temperature (37.5) whilst in the care of Stampers Pre-school the following steps will be taken.

- One staff member will clean up any spillages or waste, using plastic gloves and dispose of them correctly, whilst a named First Aider is informed of the incident.
- Parent/carers will be informed immediately and requested to collect child as soon as possible. If parents/carers are not available staff will contact child's emergency contact list numbers to see if they are available.
- The sick child's temperature will be checked to ensure that they have no fever. If temperature is 37.5 degrees centigrade or higher, all known techniques will be used to cool child down i.e. tepid sponging, fewer clothes, cool drinks etc. until parent/carer arrives. If staff are concerned about the child's temperature, parents/carers will be contacted to ask permission for the administration of Calpol. In the event parents/carers cannot be contacted, staff will use their judgment and may administer Calpol to bring down a temperature.

If a child shows an allergic reaction to a sting, food stuff etc, then parents/carers must be contacted as soon as possible to determine whether the child has an allergy we are not aware of. In consultation with the parent/carers, staff will determine if Piriton should be administered. If parents/carers cannot be contacted then staff will use their judgment and administer Piriton if deemed absolutely necessary. In the case of a severe allergic reaction medical aid will be sought immediately either from White Medical Group Doctors across the road or by ringing emergency services.

Exclusion Period

- Chicken Pox 5 days from onset of rash
- German Measles(Rubella)* 5 days from onset of rash
- Hand foot and mouth until disease has gone
- Impetigo until sores are crusted or healed
- Measles* 5 days from onset of rash
- Ringworm until treatment commenced
- Scarlet fever 5 days after commencing antibiotics
- Warts and Verrucae none, but should be covered if on feet
- Diarrhoea and vomiting 48 hours from last episode of diarrhoea or vomiting
- Conjunctivitis - none, but will be asked not to attend unless being treated.
- Head Lice None - treatment required from parent/carer - however, we reserve the right to exclude a heavily invested child until treated, to contain the spread of head lice
- Mumps* 5 days from onset of swollen glands
- Tonsillitis none, but see GP for treatment
- Whooping Cough* 5 days from commencement of antibiotic treatment or 21 days from onset of illness if no antibiotic treatment
- 'Flu' (influenza) until recovered
- Athletes foot none
- Cold sores (herpes simplex) none
- Molluscum contagiosum none
- Scabies - Child can return after first treatment
- Slapped cheek/fifth disease - none
- Shingles - Exclude only if rash is weeping & cannot be covered
- Thread worm - none

See also : Medication policy

Accident and first aid policy

Health and Safety policy

This Policy adopted by the Stampers Pre-school Management Committee.

Signed

Chair of Stampers Pre-school Management Committee

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