THE WOODLAND PRE-SCHOOL

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Sick Child Policy

Policy Statement

We provide care for children and promote health through identifying allergies, preventing contact with the allergenic substance and by reducing the risk of cross infection of viruses and bacterial infections.

Procedures for children with allergies

When parents start their children at Woodlands they are asked if their child suffers from any known allergies. This is recorded on the Early Years Profile and Day Care form.

If a child has an allergy, a Health Care Plan is completed by the parents to detail the following:

- The allergen e.g. nut, eggs, bee sting, fur, sun etc.
- The nature of the allergic reaction e.g anaphylactic shock reaction, including rash, reddening of the skin, swelling, breathing problems etc.
- What to do in case of allergic reactions, any medication used and how it is to be used eg piriton, epipen
- Review date

The form is kept in the register in the filing cabinet.

Parents are invited to show staff how to administer special medication in the event of an allergic reaction. If necessary staff will undergo specific training from a Health Care Professional

Generally no nuts or nut products are used within the setting e.g. cooking. No nuts or nut products are allowed at lunch time.

Boxes and containers previously holding nuts are not allowed in the setting.

Procedures for children with ongoing health conditions e.g. asthma, diabetes, epilepsy

When parents start their children at Woodlands they are asked if their child suffers from any ongoing health conditions. This is recorded on the Early Years Profile and Day Care form.
If a child has an ongoing health condition that needs monitoring or treating a Health Care Plan is completed by the parents to detail the following:

- The steps to take for monitoring the condition
- The likely circumstances in which the child will require treatment
- The dosage of any medication to be administered and the method of administration
- The procedure to follow in the event that the child's condition does not stabilise
- The review date

The form is kept in the register in the filing cabinet.

Following the administration of any medication or treatment, the staff member records the date, time and quantity, and asks the parent/carer to acknowledge by signing the administration of medicine form.

Procedures for children on prescribed medication e.g. iron supplement

If a child has been prescribed a food supplement which needs to be taken at regular intervals a Health Care Plan is completed by the parents to detail the following and the managing medicines policy is followed:

- The dosage of medication to be administered
- The review date

Procedures for children who are sick or infectious

If a child appears unwell during the session – has a temperature, bad cold, bad cough, sickness, diarrhoea or pains, particularly in the head or stomach – the Leader will call the parents and ask them to collect the child, or send a known carer in their place.

If a child falls asleep during the session and this is unusual the parent will be contacted as this may indicate that the child is developing an illness.

If a child appears to have a temperature, the external thermometer will be used on the child's forehead to check. The child will be kept cool by removing top clothing, sponging their head with cool water and are kept away from draughts.

In extreme cases of emergency the child would be taken to the nearest hospital and the parent informed.

If a parent cannot be contacted, the Leader will call the second named person on the Day Care Form. Failure to make contact with this person will be followed by a call to the named emergency contact. Parents / carers will be encouraged to collect their child as soon as possible after the call from Woodlands.

The pre-school reserves the right to refuse admittance to a child who appears to have a temperature, bad cough or cold, sickness, diarrhoea, contagious infection or disease.

When children have been prescribed antibiotics, parents are required to keep them at home for 48 hours or until they are well enough to return to pre-school

After sickness or diarrhoea parents are required to keep children at home for 48 hours after the last episode.

The setting has a list of excludable diseases and current exclusion times. The full list is on display on the notice board in the foyer.

Reporting of notifiable diseases

If a child or adult is diagnosed as suffering from a notifiable disease under the Public Health (Infections Diseases) Regulations 1988, the GP will report this to the Health Protection Agency.

When the setting becomes aware, or is informed of the notifiable disease, the Leader will inform Ofsted and act on any advice given by the Health Protection Agency

HIV/AIDS/Hepatitis procedure

HIV Virus, like other viruses such as Hepatitis (A B and C) are spread through body fluids. Hygiene precautions for dealing with body fluids are the same for all children and adults

Single use vinyl gloves (and aprons if necessary) are worn when changing children's nappies, pull-ups, pants and clothing that are soiled with blood, urine, faeces or vomit

Soiled clothing is placed in a carrier bag for parents to take home with them when collecting the child.

Spills of blood, urine, faeces or vomit are cleaned up using mild disinfectant solution and cloths which are disposed of. Spills kits are also available if required.

Tables and other furniture, furnishings or toys affected by blood, urine, faeces or vomit are cleaned using appropriate disinfectant

Nits and head lice

Nits and head lice are not an excludable condition, although in exceptional cases a parent may be asked to keep the child away until the infestation has cleared.

On identifying cases of head lice, all setting parents are informed and asked to treat their child and all the family if they are found to be affected.

COVID-19

As of May 2023 the World Health Organisation has declared that the Covid-19 pandemic is over. Please see The Woodland Pre-school's Covid-19 policy for the most up to date guidelines.

This policy (Sick Children) has been adopted by the Woodland Pre-School

On (date) February 2026_____

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