

Forres Sandle Manor (EYFS) Policy

Policy Title	Sick and Infectious Children
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SICK AND INFECTIOUS CHILDREN

GENERAL WELFARE REQUIREMENTS

Safeguarding and promoting children's welfare. The provider must promote the good health of the children, take necessary steps to prevent the spread of infection and take appropriate action when they are ill.

A Unique Child	Positive Relationships	Enabling Environments	Learning and Development
1.2 Inclusive practice 1.3 Keeping safe 1.4 Health and wellbeing	2.2 Parents as partners 2.4 Key person	3.2 Supporting every child	

POLICY STATEMENT

We provide care for healthy children and promote health by educating children in the practise of staying healthy – identifying allergens and preventing cross infection of viruses and bacteria.

PROCEDURES FOR CHILDREN WITH ALLERGIES

- Parents are asked to fill in a document when their children start in the EYFS, informing us of any known allergies or food sensitivities/intolerances.
- If a child has an allergy if necessary a risk assessment is completed to detail: the allergen; the nature of the allergic reaction; treatment of the allergic reaction and control measures.
- This form is kept available for staff and a copy kept in the child's file. Parents' have access to information kept on their child.
- All Lower School staff will receive training in Paediatric First Aid.
- If required, staff will receive training on the administration of any medication such as Epi-pens etc.

- If required the Kitchen will be informed of the allergy such as gluten or lactose intolerance through the appropriate forms.
- As a rule, no nuts or nut products are used within the school and Parents are requested in writing in the Parent Information Pack not to supply cakes etc. which contain nuts.

PROCEDURES FOR CHILDREN WHO ARE SICK OR INFECTIOUS

- If children are unwell during the day the parents, or a known carer with permission to be contacted, will be called and asked to collect the child. Meanwhile, the child may be cared for in the 'Getting Better Bay' where they may be kept cool and rested and cared for appropriately.
- Parents are requested to keep their child at home until they are well enough to attend school. Guidance for this, along with a list of excludable diseases and exclusion times is provided in the Parents Information Pack.
- If a child has suffered with vomiting or diarrhoea they need to remain off school for 48 hours from the last incidence.
- In extreme cases the child may be taken to the local hospital and the parents informed or the 999 ambulance service requested.
- If a child or adult is diagnosed as suffering from a notifiable disease under the Public Health Infectious Diseases Regulations 1988, the GP will report this to the Health Protection Agency. The Head of Pre-Prep or the Nursery Manager will inform the Head of School and Ofsted will be informed. The school will act upon any advice given by the Health Protection Agency.
- HIV virus is spread through bodily fluids, in the same manner as Hepatitis (A, B and C). Hygiene precautions are the same for dealing with all bodily fluids.
- Single use gloves and aprons are provided and worn when changing children or cleaning up after accidents. Any cloths or equipment are disposed of in disposable bags and disinfectant used to clean surfaces which may have become contaminated.
- Soiled clothing is bagged and returned to parents for laundering.
- Head lice are not an excludable condition, although in exceptional circumstances parents may be asked to keep the child at home until an infection has been properly treated.
- On identifying cases of head lice or thread worms, all parents are informed and asked to treat their child and family if they are found to have either of these parasites.

Please See Relevant COVID-19 Policies and Risk Assessments.

