



St Lucia's Primary School & Nursery

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Sickness Policy

Statement of intent

St Lucia's Nursery believe that children and staff should work in a clean and healthy atmosphere and take precautions to limit the spread of infection.

We believe the best place for unwell children is home. Our policy for the exclusion of ill or infectious children is discussed with parents. This includes procedures for contacting parents - or other authorised adults - if a child becomes ill while in the setting.

- There is always at least one person with a current paediatric first aid certificate.
- We have a first aid box with appropriate contents for the children in our care.
- We keep a written record of any first aid administered and parents are asked to sign to give permission to staff to administer first aid and are asked to sign to show they understand that their child has been given first aid.
- If a child becomes unwell whilst at Nursery, the parents or emergency contact will be informed immediately and asked to collect the child as soon as possible. This is to minimise cross-infection, and to ensure the best care for the child. The child will be cared for appropriately until the parent arrives to collect the child.
- Emergency contact details are on the children's registration forms, kept in the filing cabinet, and in the back of the register.
- If neither parents nor emergency contacts can be contacted then the emergency procedure for taking a child to hospital will be followed.
- We do not provide care for children who are unwell, have a temperature, or sickness and diarrhoea, or who have an infectious disease, in line with the Infection Control Guidelines provided by the Shropshire Health Protection Unit. Children must not return to Nursery until at least 48 hours after the last episode of sickness or diarrhoea.

- Parents are asked to inform the Nursery leader if their child has an infectious disease so that other parents can be informed about the disease, if necessary.
- Children with head lice are not excluded, but must be treated to remedy the condition.
- Parents are notified if there is a case of head lice in the setting.
- Parents are notified if there is an infectious disease, such as chicken pox. The Health Protection Agency will be informed if there are more than 5 cases.
- HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus) or Hepatitis B or C may affect children or families attending the setting. All staff must be informed so that they can take appropriate precautions when dealing with the child.
- Children or families are not excluded because of HIV or Hepatitis B or C.
- Cuts and sores will be covered by a dressing for children and adults.
- Good hygiene practice concerning the clearing of any spilled bodily fluids is carried out at all times.
- Staff and children suffering from sickness and diarrhoea must not attend the Nursery until a minimum of 48 hours has elapsed since the last episode of sickness or diarrhoea.
- If the children of Nursery staff are unwell, they must not accompany them to the Nursery.
- Ofsted is notified of any infectious diseases that a qualified medical person considers notifiable (see separate list or refer to Infection Control CD-ROM).
- Ofsted will be notified about a serious injury or death at the Nursery.

This policy was reviewed and adopted at a meeting of St. Lucia's Nursery Governing body held on 19/06/2017

Review date June 2018

Signed on behalf of the Governing body

Role of signatory _____

This policy will be review annually.