



# **MANAGING CHILDREN WHO ARE ILL OR INFECTIOUS**

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## Policy statement

Vale View Nursery 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.

## Procedures for children who are sick or infectious

- If children appear unwell during the day – for example, if they have a temperature, sickness, diarrhoea or pains in their head or stomach, a member of staff will call the parents and ask them to collect the child, or to send a known carer to collect the child on their behalf.
- If a child has a temperature, they are kept as cool as possible. The child's temperature is taken using a thermometer, kept in the office. If the child's temperature is above 38 degrees then the parents will be phoned and asked to collect their child.
- If any child has COVID-19 symptoms, they will be isolated until a parent/carer comes to collect them. They will be asked to get a PCR test. If the test is negative they can return to nursery. If they are positive, they are required to isolate for 10 days. All current government guidelines are adhered to.
- The nursery can refuse admittance to children who have a temperature, sickness and diarrhoea or a contagious infection or disease.
- Where children have been prescribed antibiotics for an infectious illness or complaint, we ask parents to keep them at home for 48 hours before returning to the setting.
- After diarrhoea, we ask parents keep children home for 48 hours following the last episode.

## Reporting of 'notifiable diseases'

- If a child or adult is diagnosed as suffering from a notifiable disease under the Health Protection (Notification) Regulations 2010, the GP will report this to Public Health England.

- When the nursery become aware, or are formally informed of the notifiable disease, the Academy Business Manager contacts Public Health England, and acts on any advice given.
- Hygiene precautions for dealing with body fluids are the same for all children and adults.
- Staff
  - Wear single-use vinyl gloves and aprons when changing children's nappies, pants and clothing that are soiled with blood, urine, faeces or vomit.
  - Put very messy clothes straight into the washing machine
  - Clear spills of blood, urine, faeces or vomit using mild disinfectant solution and mops; any cloths used are disposed of with the clinical waste.
  - Clean any tables and other furniture, furnishings or toys affected by blood, urine, faeces or vomit using a disinfectant.

#### **Nits and head lice ▪**

- Nits and head lice are not an excludable condition; although in exceptional cases we may ask a parent to keep the child away until the infestation has cleared.
- On identifying cases of head lice, we inform all parents, ask them to treat their child and all the family if they are found to have head lice.

#### **Procedures for children with allergies**

- When parents attend their child's induction and complete the application form, we ask their parents if their child suffers from any known allergies. This is recorded on the admissions form and induction form.
- If a child has an allergy, the medical needs policy is followed, with the correct documentation completed.
- No nuts or nut products are used within the setting. Parents are made aware so that no nut or nut products are accidentally brought in in packed lunches.

#### **Head injuries**

If a child receives a significant bump to their head it is our policy to contact the parent/carer immediately, for the child to be taken home or to the hospital if thought necessary. This is so the child can be monitored closely for any side effects or concussion. All injuries are logged in our accident book and signed by parents.