



Hillside Pre-School

Hillside Free Church Hall, Hillside Road, Chorleywood, Herts WD3 5AS

www.hillsidepreschool.co.uk

Sick Child

Policy statement

We provide care for healthy children and promote health through preventing cross infection of viruses and bacterial infection.

Parents are asked to keep their children at home if they have any infectious illnesses until they are well enough to return and do not pose a risk to other children in the group.

We have a list of some infections and the incubation period recommended, on display in the entrance.

Procedures

- Children should remain at home for at least 48 hours after an episode of sickness and/or diarrhoea and we would appreciate knowing if a child is off for this reason
- Medicines - we need written, parental permission for any medicines to be administered to a child during a session. A medicine record is in place and will be signed by the member of staff and parent/carer at the end of a session to confirm the dose and time (see our 'Administering Medication' Policy for more information)
- If a child becomes unwell during the session, we will contact the parent or the nominated person, from the information given on your registration form and will take good care of that child until somebody comes to collect them
- If a child has a temperature, they are kept cool by removing top clothing and sponging their heads with cool water. They will be kept away from draughts
- Temperature is taken using 'FeverScan' kept in the First Aid Box
- In extreme cases of emergency, the child will be taken to hospital and the parent informed

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- We reserve the right to refuse admission to the nursery if we feel a child is not well enough to attend or has a contagious infection or disease
- Where children have been prescribed antibiotics, parents are asked to keep the child home for at least 48 hours
- We have a list of 'excludable' diseases and exclusion times. The full list is obtainable from www.patient.co.uk and includes common childhood illnesses such as measles

Reporting of notifiable diseases

- Reporting of any child or adult diagnosed with a disease listed under the Public Health (Infectious Diseases) Regulations 1988, will be reported to the Health Protection Agency by the GP
- When we become aware or are formally notified, the Pre-School leader will inform Ofsted and act on any advice given by The Health Protection Agency

HIV/AIDS/Hepatitis

- Hygiene precautions for viruses transmitted through bodily fluids are the same for all children and adults
- Single use vinyl gloves are used when changing nappies, pants or clothing soiled with blood, urine, faeces or vomit
- Protective gloves are used cleaning/sluicing clothing after changing
- Soiled clothing is rinsed and bagged for parents to collect
- Spills of bodily fluids are cleared using mild disinfectant solution and mops, cloths used are disposed with clinical waste
- All furniture or toys affected are cleaned using a disinfectant

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Nits and Head Lice

- If a case of head lice is identified, the parent will be informed and asked to treat the child and the rest of the family if they are also found to have head lice
- Nits and head lice are not an excludable condition although in exceptional cases a parent may be asked to keep a child away until the infestation has been cleared

Signed by the Pre-School Leader

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Name of the Pre-School Leader

Date

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Signed by the Committee

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Name & role of Committee Signatory

Date

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