



'Do Re Mi Day Nursery aims to be an inspiring and imaginative place to give children the best learning opportunities and to create amazing memories'.

SICK CHILD POLICY

Health and well-being are of paramount importance to us at Do Re Mi and we recognise our responsibility in promoting a culture where health issues are discussed in a positive, open way to achieve high standards.

If your child is unwell, we ask that you keep them at home and inform the setting that they will not be attending and the reason why. We also ask that children do not have paracetamol suspension before attending Nursery as it can mask serious illnesses.

If a child becomes unwell in setting

If a child is unwell at the setting, we will:

- Assess the child's condition in a kind and caring manner
- Inform the parents/carers if deemed necessary by managerial judgement
- If the child is in any danger, medical advice will be sought immediately
- Should the Nursery Manager/Lead Practitioner consider the illness/situation to warrant immediate medical attention the emergency services will be contacted to take the child to hospital and the parents/carers will be notified immediately.
- Staff will inform the child's Health Visitor of an accident/ incident should medical attention not be sought by parents/carers on transfer out of our duty of care.

Exclusion Periods

Conjunctivitis

- To prevent the spread of conjunctivitis, suspected cases will be reported to parents/carers who will be requested to collect their child and seek medical advice from their GP or pharmacist. If conjunctivitis is confirmed children should not return to nursery for 24 hours as it is highly contagious and spreads very quickly. Children are to stay at home for 24 hours after treatment is given and can return after this if the discharge has cleared up.

Hand, foot and Mouth Disease

- Children with hand foot and mouth disease will need to stay away from nursery for 5 days after the spots have developed during the highly contagious period.

Sickness and Diarrhoea

- Children who develop sickness and diarrhoea whilst at the setting will be collected immediately and should not return to nursery until 48 hours after the last bout of sickness and diarrhoea and the child is well in themselves.

Impetigo

- Impetigo is highly contagious and if confirmed children should not return back to nursery for 48 hours after medication is given and once the patches scab over or they dry out.

High temperature

- If a child develops a high temperature (above 38 degrees) parents will be contacted to collect their child from nursery. Children will need to be temperature free for 24 hours and well in themselves, before they can return to nursery.

Head lice

- Nits and head lice are not an excludable condition. Parent's will be informed immediately if headlice is spotted and asked to treat the child following the instructions provided on the box. On identifying cases of head lice, a general notice will be displayed in nursery informing parents of a confirmed case and requesting that all children are checked and treated if necessary.

Infectious Diseases

Without breaching confidentiality, parents/carers will be informed if there is an infectious disease which may affect other children or their families. Infectious diseases may include:

- Chicken pox
- German Measles
- Gastroenteritis (stomach infection)

Children with infectious diseases will be excluded for certain periods. Please refer to 'The Guidance on Infection Control'.

Reporting of Notifiable Diseases

If a child/adult/member of staff is diagnosed with a notifiable disease, the Manager will inform the relevant agencies. Notifiable diseases (as prescribed by the Public Health(control of disease) Act 1984 and the Infectious Diseases Regulations 1988) may include:

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| • Tuberculosis | • Measles |
| • Small Pox | • Meningitis |
| • Cholera | • Mumps |
| • Anthrax | • Rubella |
| • Diptheria | • Scarlet Fever |
| • Malaria | • Whooping Cough |
| • Leprosy | • Viral Hepatitis |

In addition, food poisoning or suspected food poisoning of 2 or more cases is also notifiable although not specifically listed as such.

Appropriate agencies

Ofsted.....	0300 123 1231
Riddor	0845 300 9923
Environmental Health.....	0300 0263 208
Communicable Disease Control.....	0300 0260 000