Sick Children Policy

The Acorn Nursery School doesn't aim to exclude children from the nursery unnecessarily.

The decision of the manager is final when requesting the exclusion of a child for illness or infection. Decisions will take into account the needs of the child and those of the group. Children with infectious or contagious diseases will be excluded for the period as directed by the Health Authority (HA). The HA list of excluded illnesses are posted in the foyer. If staff suspect that a child has an infectious or contagious disease, they will request that parents consult a doctor before returning the child to the Nursery.

If a child receives a head injury of any kind at nursery we will telephone parents/carers immediately to inform you. We will decide together if the child should remain at nursery or whether medical assistance should be sought. If it's decided the child is well enough to remain at nursery, staff will be extra vigilant in observing the child for the remainder of the session. In case of severe head injury we will call for an ambulance and telephone parents/carers immediately. Please notify us when you drop your child off if they have received a head injury at home within 24 hours prior to nursery starting.

We cannot admit sick children to the Nursery. If a child becomes ill at Nursery, staff will inform parents or an emergency contact. While awaiting the arrival of parents, a member of staff (preferably the child's keyperson) will remain with them and will ensure the comfort of the child and offer reassurance to them, taking appropriate action, which might include seeking medical advice if necessary. If the child's condition deteriorates, the staff will seek medical advice immediately. Children with sickness and/or diarrhoea should not return to nursery until 48 hours after their last bout of the illness.

We will notify Ofsted, within 14 days of the incident, if 2 or more children in our care contract food poisoning.

Children with conjunctivitis should not attend nursery for 24 hours after receiving treatment.

Children with infestations, such as head lice, must receive treatment before attending nursery. Staff will inform parents if head lice are discovered at nursery and advise them of upto date treatments.

Children with Tapeworms or Threadworms should not attend nursery for 24 hours after treatment has commenced.

Staff will report any worries about a child's health to the parents/carers immediately.

Parents are responsible for keeping the Nursery informed about the child's health.

With regard to our Safeguarding policy it is essential you inform us if your child is ill and cannot attend nursery.

The Registered Provider will notify Ofsted of any serious accident, illness or injury to, or death of, a child while in our care. Notification will be made as soon as possible, but in any event within 14 days of the incident occurring. We have regard for Reporting of Injuries, Diseases, and Dangerous Occurrences Regulation 2013 (RIDDOR)