

Bloom Day Nursery Health and Illness Policy

Bloom Day Nursery will endeavour to keep all key carers, children and parents/carers healthy in accordance with the Statutory Framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage April 2017 Health 3.44-3.51.

If any child, key carer, volunteer or student on placement becomes unwell during their time at Bloom Day Nursery then this must be reported to a senior member of the team. If the illness or symptoms require a child to be collected and taken home then parents/carers will be contacted by member of Bloom Day Nursery team. If a Key carer is deemed to be unfit to stay on the premises they will be asked to go home until their symptoms improve and they are fit for work. All children will be provided with care and comfort by committed early year's carers if they are "under the weather".

All children brought into Bloom Day Nursery will be deemed to be fit, healthy and well. If a parent/carer feels that their child may be starting with an illness then please keep your child at home, as this will help your child's recuperation and minimise the spread of infections and illnesses. In addition this also protects and keeps our Early Years Practitioners healthy enabling them to be at work to care for your children on a day to day basis. Please do not ask us to admit a child who is clearly unwell. Bloom Day Nursery will follow exclusion criteria for illnesses as detailed by the Department for Education.

Head Lice although not very nice is common in all early year's facilities. If this is discovered on any child then the nursery will inform parents and request that treatment is carried out before their next return. Guidance on how to treat children with head lice will be detailed on the www.bloomdaynursery.com or advice can be sought from health visitors and or pharmacists. Reminders regarding head lice will be sent periodically to parents to keep all children clear.

Children or Key Carers will be excluded if they present with vomiting and /or diarrhoea and must not return to the nursery until 48 hours after their last episode of vomiting or diarrhoea. This is to reduce the spread of such illnesses to other children and staff.

Advice and guidance will be sought using the Nursery Managers Guide to Infection Control www.ndna.org.uk and Infection Prevention Society Guidance www.ips.uk.net

Medication will only be administered to a child at Bloom Day nursery if it has been prescribed by a GP, dentist, nurse or pharmacist and it must have the dispensing label attached. Please note that medication purchased in a pharmacy will not be administered unless it has been prescribed and has a dispensing label attached.

If a child has a recorded high temperature that has developed during their time with us and all other natural methods of reducing temperature have been attempted then we may seek permission to administer paracetamol as detailed in the Medication Policy.

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