

General Welfare Requirement: Safeguarding and Promoting Children’s Welfare

The provider must promote the good health of the children, take necessary steps to prevent the spread of infection, and take appropriate action when they are ill

Promoting Health and Hygiene**Managing Children with Allergies, or Who Are Sick and Infectious****Policy statement**

We provide care for healthy children and promote health through identifying allergies and preventing contact with the allergenic substance and through preventing cross infection of viruses and bacterial infections

EYFS key themes and commitments

A Unique Child	Positive Relationships	Enabling Environments	Learning and Development
1.2 Inclusive Practice 1.4 Health and Well Being	2.2 Parents as Partners	3.2 Supporting Every Child	

Procedures

- *When parents start their children at Little Wonders they are asked if their child suffers from any known allergies. This is recorded on the registration form*
- *If a child has an allergy, parents must speak to the School Nurse and give the following information:*
 - *The allergen (ie: the substance, material or living creature the child is allergic to such as nuts, eggs, bee stings, cats, etc.)*
 - *The nature of the allergic reactions(anaphylaxis, rash, reddening of skin, swelling, breathing problems)*

- *What to do in case of allergic reaction, any medication used, and how it is used (eg: EpiPen)*
- *Control measures – such as how the child can be prevented from contact with the allergen*
- *In each classroom, we display a poster showing the child's name, child's photo and the allergy*
- *Parents train the nurse and Class Teacher, how to administer special medication and how it is to be used (eg: EpiPen)*
- *We have a no nut policy at Little Wonders*
- *Parents are made aware that we have a no nut policy at Little Wonders*

At all times, medicines will be administered by the school nurse

Oral Medicine

Asthma inhalers are to be regarded as 'oral medication'.

- *Oral medications must be given directly by parents, to the School Nurse, in their original packaging*
- *The School Nurse must have a fully completed and signed Medicine Administration Form for each medicine to be administered*
- *Under no circumstances will we administer Suppositories- children requiring these should be kept at home.*

Procedures for dealing with children who are sick or infectious

- *If children appear unwell during the day – have a temperature (38 Degrees), sickness, diarrhoea or pains, particularly in their head or stomach – the School Nurse will contact the child's parents and ask them to collect their child as soon as possible. The child will wait to be collected in the Nurse's room, accompanied by a Nurse.*
- *If a child has a temperature, they will be kept in a cool environment and offered plenty of cool water to drink.*
- *The child's temperature will be monitored by the Nurse, every 15 minutes*
- *Parents are asked to take their child to a Doctor, before returning them to Nursery: 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, we ask that parents keep them at home for a minimum of 24 hours after the child's first dose, before returning the child to Little Wonders*
- *After fever, vomiting or diarrhoea, parents must not return their child to Little Wonders, until their child has been symptom free for a minimum of 24 hours without medication.*
- *Little Wonders reserves the right to refuse admission to any child whom is deemed unwell by the School Nurse or who has not been kept at home for a sufficient period – ie: 24 hours symptom free.*
- *The setting has a list of excludable illnesses and current exclusion times – the School Nurse can provide a copy as required.*

Nits and Head Lice

- *If a case of head lice is identified at the Nursery, the School Nurse will contact the child's parents and ask that they collect their child as soon as possible. The child will await collection in the Clinic under a Nurse's supervision.*
- *Parents will be asked to keep their child at home until their heads have been treated and they are free of lice and eggs.*
- *Parents will be notified of any cases we are aware of and asked to be vigilant and treat their children as necessary.*

Further guidance

Managing Medicines in Schools and Early Years Settings (DfES 2005)

This policy was adopted at a meeting of Little Wonders Nursery School

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