



Sickness, Illness & Medication Policy

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This policy ensures children receive appropriate care when unwell and that medication is administered safely and with parental consent.

Exclusion for illness

- Children with infectious illnesses must not attend until they are no longer contagious.
- Children with a high temperature, vomiting, diarrhoea or suspected contagious infection should remain at home.
- We follow NHS and UK Health Security Agency guidance on exclusion periods.

When a child becomes ill

- The child is comforted and monitored in a quiet, safe space.
- Parents are contacted promptly and asked to collect their child.
- If a child needs urgent medical attention, emergency services are called and parents are informed immediately.

Administration of medication

- Prescription medication is given only with written parental consent.
- Medication is stored securely, out of reach of children.
- All medication is checked for name, dosage, expiry date and instructions before administration.
- A record is kept of every dose administered, including time, amount and who gave it.

Non-prescription medication

- Non-prescription medication is only given with prior written consent and where appropriate for the child's age.
- We do not administer the first dose of any new medication.

Records

- All illnesses, medications and exclusions are recorded accurately and confidentially.

Review

- This policy is reviewed annually and updated in line with current guidance.

This policy is reviewed at least annually. Parents are welcome to request a copy at any time.