



Sickness and Illness Policy

Procedures in case of illness during the nursery day

- If children appear unwell during the day - have a temperature, sickness, diarrhoea or pains, particularly in the head or stomach - the manager calls the parents and asks them to collect the child or send a known carer to collect on their behalf as soon as possible. In case of covid symptoms staff follow procedures as outlined in 'Procedures in case of Covid illness in Little Learners'
- If a child has a temperature, they are kept cool, by removing top clothing, sponging their heads with cool water, but kept away from draughts.
- Temperature is taken using a 'fever scan' kept in the first aid box.
- Little Learners reserve the right to refuse admittance to children who have a temperature, sickness and diarrhoea or a contagious infection or disease. This decision will be taken by the Manager on duty and is non-negotiable.
- Where children have been prescribed antibiotics, parents are asked to keep them at home for 48 hours before returning them to the setting
- Should a child have an infectious disease, such as sickness and diarrhoea, parents are asked to keep their child home until they are clear for 48 hours.

We inform all parents if there is a contagious infection identified in the setting to enable them to spot the early signs of this illness. We thoroughly clean and sterilise all equipment and resources that may have come into contact with a contagious child to reduce the spread of infection.

- We have the right to refuse admission to a child who is unwell on arrival. This decision will be taken by the manager on duty and is non-negotiable.

Transporting children to hospital

The manager at Little Learners must:

- Call for an ambulance immediately if the sickness is severe. DO NOT attempt to transport the sick child in your own car



- Whilst waiting for the ambulance, contact the parent(s) and arrange to meet them at the hospital
- Re-deploy staff if necessary to ensure there is adequate staff to care for the remaining children. This may mean temporarily grouping the children together
- Arrange for the most appropriate member of staff to accompany the child taking with them any relevant information, such as the Registration form, relevant medication sheets, medication and the child's comforter
- Remain calm at all times.

Children who witness an incident may well be affected by it and may need lots of cuddles and reassurance. Staff may also require additional support following the accident Reporting of 'notifiable diseases' e.g. meningitis

Parents' responsibilities

- Do not send your child to nursery when unwell as this puts other children/staff at risk. An unwell child will not be able to partake in daily activities and requires 1:1 care which compromises the care of others.
- If your child is ill before they are due to attend nursery call the Manager and inform them of your child's illness as soon as is practically possible, especially in the case of a contagious illness. This may be particularly important if a child has come into contact with a pregnant member of staff or parent or a child or adult who has a compromised immune system.
- If your child has not been themselves at home but is not showing signs of illness when brought into nursery please inform a member of staff and let them know the best possible contact number in case a child needs to be collected before the end of their normal day.
- Parents MUST inform staff if they have had to administer medicine such as Calpol, other pain relief medication or antihistamine medication. This information is vital in case medical assistance should be required throughout the day.



- Parents **MUST** inform the nursery if any child attending the nursery is admitted to hospital, and the discharge instructions must be followed.
- Children should not return to nursery for a full 48 hours after the administration of antibiotics or anaesthesia.

Please refer the following link from DHA for the illness Exclusions

<https://www.dha.gov.ae/uploads/112021/3549608b-531b-4c69-a46b-3cfb67ae77f6.pdf>