



Illness or Infectious Child Policy

Under the Safeguarding and Welfare Requirements of the Statutory framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) we must promote the good health of children attending our setting. We must have a procedure, discussed with parents and/or carers, for responding to children who are ill or infectious, take necessary steps to prevent the spread of infection, and take appropriate action if children are ill.

If we believe a child in our setting is suffering from a notifiable disease, identified as such in the Public Health (Infectious Diseases) Regulations 2010, we will act on advice given by the Health Protection Agency (details of which can be found at www.hpa.org.uk) and inform Ofsted of any action taken. We will also let the Local Health Protection Unit know of any suspected outbreak of an infectious disease 0344 225 0562 option 1 on 0844 225 1295 or email: gmancHPU@hpa.org.uk

Health Protection Hub via 0800 840 3858

Support to deal with any infectious disease in our setting via telephoning the same Hub number: **0800 840 3858**. This is a seven-day helpline with clinical staff on hand to support with any complex or urgent issues.

Online notification form for all educational settings – From Manchester Health Protection

Notification form will be completed immediately to report infectious diseases in our setting. Follow link:

<https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=Xn3OsM2B-0eU9ydsYmt7CVwYbK6XoQ5KmKWpVcjxHZIUOERKQThKOEUVNThGQ1pBQTY2NTFFWFJXQyQIQCN0PWcu>

In accordance with the contract agreed with parents we expect to be paid for the child's place even if they are excluded from our setting due to an illness or infectious disease.

If one of our members of staff have a confirmed infectious disease, we will inform parents as soon as we are able. In the event of having to close the centre, we do not charge parents for the time the service is unavailable, as agreed in the contract.

Safeguarding and Welfare requirements of the EYFS 2021/Corona Virus

“The provider must promote the good health, including the oral health, of children attending the setting. They must have a procedure, discussed with parents and/or carers, for responding to children who are ill or infectious, take necessary steps to prevent the spread of infection, and take appropriate action if children are ill.” (EYFS 2021– page 32-33)

COVID-19: “ In all education, childcare and social care settings, preventing the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19) involves dealing with direct transmission (for instance, when in close contact with those sneezing and coughing) and indirect transmission (via touching contaminated surfaces). A range of approaches and actions should be employed to do this. These can be seen as a hierarchy of controls that, when implemented, creates an inherently safer system, where the risk of transmission of infection is substantially reduced”. (COVID-19: Implementing protective Measures in Education and Childcare settings –GOV 1st 2021).

“Registered providers must notify OFSTED of any serious accident, illness or injury to, or death of, any child while in their care, and of the action taken. Notification must be made as soon as is reasonably practicable, but in any event within 14 days of the incident occurring. A registered provider, who, without reasonable excuse, fails to comply with this requirement, commits an offence.” (EYFS 2021 – 3.51)

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Signed Manager –

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Signed Director –