



Berrynarbor Pre-school
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Sick Children Policy

Statement of intent

It is our intention to make our preschool safe to children, families and staff.

We follow the guidelines set out by Infection Control in schools and other childcare settings provided by the Health Protection Agency.

Ofsted will be informed of any disease that the Local Health Authority deems notifiable.

Illness

- We ask parents to consider if their child is well enough to attend preschool if they are showing any signs of being unwell.
- Parents are asked to keep their child at home if they have any illness, feeling unwell including a temperature or infection and to inform the preschool about the nature of their condition. This will allow the preschool to alert other parents if necessary and to make careful observations of other children who may become unwell.
- If your child has needed medication in order to attend preschool, please consider how this may impact them and the setting.
- Medication often masks the symptoms of illness and will likely wear off throughout the day leaving your child feeling really unwell in preschool.
- They won't enjoy their session and there really is no place like home when you are small and feeling unwell.
- We will call parents or carers to collect their children if we feel this is in the child's best interest.

We have a duty of care toward our vulnerable children as we try to prevent the spread of infection within our preschool.

If you are in any doubt about your child's wellbeing, please seek medical advice.

Diarrhoea or vomiting

- Children with diarrhoea or vomiting should stay away from preschool until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea for at least 2 days (48 hours).
- If the children of preschool staff are feeling unwell, the children may not accompany their parents/carers to work in the preschool.

Head lice and nits

- There's no need to keep your child off preschool if they have head lice. You can seek advice and treatment for head lice and nits at your local pharmacy.
- Parents are asked to check their child's head/hair for lice and to notify the preschool of any outbreak. Children should not return to pre-school until they have received appropriate treatment.

Cuts or open sores

- Whether on an adult or child, cuts or open sores should be covered with a sticking plasters or other dressings.
- The preschool will ensure that the first aid equipment is clean, replenished and replaced as necessary. Sterile items will be kept in their sealed packages until needed.
- There will always be at least one qualified First Aider trained to administer first aid to children at each session.

If a child becomes unwell at preschool the following procedure will take place:

- The child will be sat quietly in the book corner with a member of staff on hand to make sure they are kept comfortable.
- The preschool leader will contact the person on the emergency contact details on the child's registration form.
- If contact has not been made with the parent/carer or other authorised adult, then the child will be looked after in the preschool until the end of the session.
- In an emergency the preschool leader will phone for an ambulance, if the child's parents/carer cannot be contacted a member of staff will accompany the child to hospital and stay with the child until their parent/carer have arrived.
- In this instance, if the preschool no longer has the legally required cover/ratios then another member of staff or committee member or a local parent would be called to come in. Alternatively, parents of the remaining children would be contacted to collect their child and the preschool would close for the remainder of the day.
- An incident report will be written in these circumstances to show action that was taken and Ofsted informed.

This policy was adopted at a meeting of Berrynarbor Preschool held on 06/06/2007
This policy was review and revised on 24/08/2023

Signed on behalf of the preschool.....Date.....