

Sick Children Policy

EYFS overarching legal requirement:

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

Every Child Matters Outcome: Health

EYFS Requirement : Safeguarding and Promoting
Children’s Welfare Statutory
Framework page 26

EYFS Principle into Practice: A Unique Child
- Keeping Children Safe (card 1.3)
- Health and Well-Being (card 1.4)

This policy applies to:

1. Early Years Register (EYR)

This policy is not a requirement of The Childcare Register (CR), however it is highly recommended that a policy is written to ensure that you provide a consistent message to all parents about the quality service provided.

Policy

A policy is a description of the setting aim / commitment. Consider the following when detailing your policy.

- What is your setting’s commitment to ensuring a healthy environment and the prevention of spreading infection?
- State what your view is concerning children who are unwell. Consider that you are a quality childcare provider and you have to have regard for the needs of all children. You have a duty to protect all children from the spread of infection.

Procedure

A procedure is a description of the way a setting goes about a particular activity or process. In this context it is how the setting puts their aim or commitment into practice.

Consider the following information when writing your procedure,

- What are your exclusion periods going to be for what illness? Refer to the Council document 'Control of Infectious and Communicable Diseases'. Available from www.wigan.gov.uk.
- How will you inform the parents of a child who has become unwell?
- How will the child be cared for until the parents are able to collect the child? What implications might there be (reduced staff ratio's etc.)?
- What will the setting do if a child is suspected to be suffering from a notifiable disease?
- Ofsted must be notified if an outbreak of food poisoning occurs that affects two or more children looked after on the premises. (EYFS Statutory Framework page 27).
- Think about how you may inform other parents of occurrences of infection.
- How will you ensure that you always have the most up to date parent / carer contact number for any child in the setting?
- How will individual children's records be kept confidential?

Special needs related

- The setting must identify the name of the Special Educational Needs Co-ordinators; (EYFS Statutory Framework page 25)
- How will you consult with other agencies in order to meet children's individual needs?
- How will you ensure accessibility to the premises and facilities? (Include the toilets and play areas. You may have to re consider the layout of the room.).
- How will you manage in meeting the privacy requirements for children with special needs? Consider the ages of these children?

- How will you observe the development of children with special needs?
Who will you share this information with?
- How will you include children with special needs?
- How are you going to ensure that other children's awareness is raised with regards to these special needs?
- What is your setting's Admission Policy with regards to children with special needs?
- This procedure must refer to the Special Educational Needs Code of Practice, in relation to the setting.
- How will you ensure that you or your staff are knowledgeable with regard to children with special educational needs and their parent's needs? Will you need to access specialist training? Who is going to do that?
- How are you going to provide sufficient support for these children? Will you need a volunteer or other specialist help? Consider the implications of staff deployment where a higher staff to child ratio is needed.

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Related Policies: Hygiene and Cleanliness Policy

For more information...

EYFS Statutory Framework

EYFS CD ROM

Requirements for the Childcare Register: Childminders and home child carers

- - Ofsted ref 080161

Requirements for the Childcare Register: Childcare providers on non domestic or domestic premises – Ofsted ref 080143

Additional duties under national legislation: Health and safety legislation on the reporting of notifiable diseases where the disease may affect public health.

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