



Abbey Wood Grange Day Nursery

Infection Control Policy

Abbey Wood Grange aims to maintain high standards of health, hygiene and safety, and the co-operation of parents is essential in this. We do not have the facilities or staff to nurse sick children, who need individual attention, and as a result we ask that all children who are ill be kept away from the Nursery until they have fully recovered.

We have trained first aiders on site in case of accidents. Please ensure your child has the necessary vaccinations and immunisations against childhood diseases at the correct ages.

If a child is unwell, they should not be in any care provision – not only to prevent the risk of infection spreading but also because constant nursing and attention may be needed. If you are requested to collect your child please come as quickly as possible. Your child will not be accepted back into the nursery until they are fit and healthy, periods of exclusion may be necessary.

Medication

It is not normal practice for Nursery staff to take responsibility for giving children prescribed medicines while they are at the Nursery. You must do this yourself. However, if you are not able to administer medicine at the prescribed time, you may complete and sign a "Permit to Administer Medicines" form beforehand which authorises a member of staff to administer the medicine on your behalf. Infectious diseases will be reported to the Consultant in Communicable Disease Control and Ofsted.

In the case of childhood infectious diseases we ask that you observe these minimum isolation periods:

- **CHICKEN POX**
Highly infectious, exclusion from nursery until all the spots have crusted over, 5-7 days. (Dangerous to pregnant women if not immune).
- **CONJUNCTIVITIS**
Highly contagious, exclusion from nursery until the child has been seen by the doctor and an antibiotic ointment has been prescribed. In more severe cases exclusion from nursery where the spread of conjunctivitis is evident.
- **DIARRHOEA AND VOMITING**
Exclusion from Nursery until diarrhoea and vomiting has settled for 24 hours although it can be increased to 48 hours if there is an outbreak evident.
- **FEVER**
A fever is a temperature of 38°C (100°F) or over. This is an indication that your child may have a viral or bacterial infection. Your child would need to be collected, Calpol to be administered and taken to the doctors. Exclusion from nursery until the temperature has returned to normal. Under no circumstances can we accept children when Calpol has been given prior to attending nursery.
- **MEASLES**
Exclusion from nursery 4 days from the onset of the rash.

- **GERMAN MEASLES**
Highly infectious, exclusion from nursery for 6 days from onset of rash. (Dangerous to pregnant women if not immune).
- **HAND, FOOT & MOUTH DISEASE**
Exclusion from nursery only if the child has a fever or if the blisters are sore or weeping, usually 3-4 days. (Exclusion may be considered if a large number of children are affected).
- **HEAD LICE**
Head lice are unfortunately a common problem but regular checking and immediate action can quickly get rid of the nuisance and prevent it from spreading. Exclusion from nursery until treatment is given.
- **IMPITIGO**
Highly contagious, exclusion from nursery until the infection has completely cleared up, or 48 hours after commencing antibiotic treatment.
- **MUMPS**
Exclusion from nursery for 5 days after onset of swelling.
- **SCARLET FEVER**
Highly infectious, exclusion from nursery for 24 hours after commencing antibiotic treatment.
- **SCABIES & THREADWORM**
Highly contagious, exclusion from nursery 24 hours after commencing antibiotic treatment.
- **SWINE FLU**
Highly contagious, does your child have a temperature of 38°C or above and two or more of the following symptoms:

Cough or shortness of breath
Runny nose/sneezing
Headache
Sore Throat
Aching muscles

Tiredness
Limb or joint pain
Diarrhoea/vomiting
Chills
Loss of appetite

IF SO PLEASE DO NOT COME INTO NURSERY.

Keep your child at home and contact The National Pandemic Flu Service.
www.pandemicflu.direct.gov.uk
Tel: 0800 151 3100

or your GP if:

Your child is under 1 year of age.
Your child has underlying health problems.
their condition is still getting worse after 5 days
or their condition suddenly gets much worse at any time.

Swine flu is generally mild and most people recover at home. However, other potentially serious illnesses can cause the above/similar symptoms. Always seek medical advice or help if you are concerned about your child's illness.

Exclusion from nursery until the child is free of the virus.

- **WHOOPING COUGH**

Highly infectious, exclusion from nursery for 5 days after commencing antibiotic treatment.

Accidents & Injury

Minor bumps and scrapes are inevitable accidents in the life of young children, and we cannot entirely prevent these. However, all play that involves risks is always supervised by one or more members of staff. Accidents are noted in the accident book and parents are informed and asked to sign in the book.

Care of a sick child

- A member of staff should stay with the child and care for the child appropriately.
- The child should be made comfortable.

Contact Information

It is extremely important that Parents/Guardians of children at the Nursery ensure that their personal contact details are correct. It is your responsibility to inform the Nursery of any changes in these details. Failure to do so could result in lost time trying to contact you in case of an Emergency situation arising.