



Abbey Wood Grange Day Nursery

Infection Control Policy

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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.

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.

Medication

If you are not able to administer medicine at the prescribed time, you need to complete and sign a "Medicine Form" beforehand which authorises a member of staff to administer the medicine on your behalf.

Reportable Infectious diseases will be reported to the Public Health England Team.

We ask that you observe these minimum isolation periods and guidance which have been set out by **Public Health England**:

Infection	Recommended period to be kept away from nursery	Comments
Athlete's foot	None	Athlete's foot is not a serious condition, treatment is required
Chicken Pox	Exclusion until all vesicles (spots) have crusted over usually between 5-7 days	Dangerous to pregnant women if not immune See-Vulnerable Children
Cold sores	None	Avoid contact with the sores
Conjunctivitis	None *unless an outbreak occurs	Seek medical advice -antibiotic drops may be needed

COVID 19	If a person is presenting the main symptoms of COVID 'a new continuous cough, fever 38 degrees or above or loss of taste or smell' they are recommended to get tested and stay at home - but not required to self-Isolate *any person presenting just a fever would follow our Fever control measures	Any person who tests positive for COVID 19 are recommended to stay at home but not required to self-Isolate Any close contacts are not required to be tested and or self-isolate, regardless of vaccination status
Diphtheria	Exclusion is essential. Always consult with your local HPT	Family contacts must be excluded until cleared to return by your local PHE Centre. Preventable by vaccination. Your local PHE center will organize any contact tracing
Diarrhea and/or Vomiting	Exclusion for 48 hours from last episode of diarrhea or vomiting	
E.coli O157 VTEC, Typhoid & Shigella	Exclusion is required for children aged 5 years and under until there is evidence of microbiological clearance.	
Fever (Temperature) 38°C (100°F) or over	Your child would need to be collected, Calpol/Nurofen 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 Unless it is for teething
Flu	Until recovered	See-Vulnerable Children
German Measles (rubella)	Exclusion for four days from onset of rash	*Preventable by immunisation Dangerous to pregnant women if not immune
Glandular Fever	None	
Hand Foot & Mouth	None	Exclusion from nursery only if the child has a fever or a large amount of children are affected
Head Lice	None	Treatment of the whole family is recommended

Hepatitis A	Exclude until seven days after onset of jaundice (or seven days after symptom onset if no jaundice)	In an outbreak of Hepatitis A our Local PHE center will advise on further control measures
Hepatitis B, C & HIV	None	Hepatitis B, C & HIV are bloodborne viruses that are not infectious through casual contact.
Impetigo	Exclusion until lesions are crusted and healed, or 48 hours after starting antibiotic treatment	Antibiotic treatment speeds healing and reduces the infectious period
Measles	Four days from onset of rash	*Preventable by vaccination Can be dangerous to pregnant women, antenatal investigation needed See-Vulnerable Children
Meningitis *Viral	None	Milder illness. There is no reason to exclude siblings and other close contacts of a case. Contact tracing is not required
Meningitis *due to other bacteria	Exclusion until recovered	Hib and pneumococcal meningitis are preventable by vaccination. There is no reason to exclude siblings and other close contacts of a case. Our local PHE center will give advice on any action needed.
Meningococcal Meningitis/septicemia	Exclusion until recovered	Meningitis C is preventable by vaccination. There is no reason to exclude siblings and other close contacts of a case. In case if an outbreak, it may be necessary to provide antibiotics with or without meningococcal vaccination to close nursery contacts. Our local PHE center will give advice on any action needed.
Molluscum contagiosum	None	A self-limiting condition
Mumps	Exclusion for five days after onset of swelling	Preventable by vaccination

MRSA	None	Good hygiene, in particular handwashing and environmental cleaning are important.
Ringworm	Exclusion not usually required	Treatment is required
Roseola (infantum)	None	None
Scabies	Exclusion until first treatment has been administered	Household and close contacts require treatment
Scarlet fever	Exclusion until 24 hours after starting antibiotic treatment	Antibiotic treatment is recommended for the affected child
Shingles	Exclusion only if the rash is weeping and cannot be covered	Can cause chickenpox in those who are not immune, (have not had chickenpox) It is spread by very close contact and touch Can be dangerous to pregnant women, antenatal investigation needed See-Vulnerable Children
Slapped Cheek/fifth disease Parvovirus B19	None (once rash has developed)	Can be dangerous to pregnant women, antenatal investigation needed See-Vulnerable children
Threadworms	None	Treatment is recommended for the child and household contacts
Tonsillitis	None	There are many causes, but most cases are due to viruses and do not need antibiotics
Tuberculosis	PHE center would be consulted on necessary action needed	Requires prolonged close contact for spread
Warts & Verrucae	None	Verrucae should be covered
Whooping cough	Exclusion for five days from starting antibiotic treatment or 21 days from onset of illness if no antibiotic treatment	Preventable by vaccination. After treatment, non-infectious coughing may continue for several weeks. Our local PHE center will organize any contact tracing if necessary

In addition:

- The nursery manager retains the right of refusal of all children, parents, carers, staff and visitors who are deemed contagious and may impact on the welfare of the rest of the nursery
- Parents will be made aware of the need for these procedures in order for them to follow these guidelines whilst in the nursery
- Periodically each room in the nursery will be deep cleaned including carpets and soft furnishings to ensure the spread of infection is limited. This will be implemented earlier if the need arises
- In the event of an infection outbreak the nursery will, where appropriate, undertake a deep clean to ensure the spread of infection is contained
- We will follow Government health guidance, as well as seeking legal advice and information from our insurers, on any national outbreak of a virus/ pandemic and keep parents informed of any course of action. Each specific circumstance will differ and to ensure we take the most appropriate action; we will treat each case on an individual basis
- In addition, where contagious outbreaks occur, we will adopt Government guidance for all visitors to minimise the risk of further spreading of the infection
- The nursery will ensure stocks of tissues, hand washing equipment, cleaning materials and sterilising fluid are maintained at all times. These will be increased during the winter months, or when flu and cold germs are circulating.

This policy was adopted on	Signed on behalf of the nursery	Date for review
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