



## **SICK CHILD POLICY**

### **Statement of intent**

Our setting has a duty to provide a healthy and safe environment for the children in our care.

### **Aim**

We aim to:

- Operate a consistent yet sensitive approach to the exclusion of sick children from the setting. Members of staff ensure that children receive the care and attention they need if they become ill, until they can be collected.

### **Procedure for when a child becomes ill at the setting**

- If a child shows signs or symptoms of being unwell, the playleader must be informed and the parents/carer contacted straight away.
- The sick child will be cared for and made comfortable by a first aider until they can be collected.
- The risk of cross infection would be minimised by keeping the other children engaged in an activity away from the sick child, for example a story.
- If it is decided that emergency treatment is needed for a sick child before parents have arrived at the setting, the first aider in charge would take appropriate action.
- We help children to learn about the need to undertake hygienic and healthy practices such as washing hands prior to eating or after toileting to reduce the risk of cross contamination.

### **Procedure for dealing with body fluid spillages**

In accordance with the Health Protection Agencies Infection Control Guidelines for Day Care Facilities, the following procedure in the event of body fluid spillages:

- All body fluid spillages are considered potentially infectious and are dealt with immediately.

- The contaminated area is isolated, and children are quickly moved away to a safe area.
- Staff dealing with cleaning the area should protect themselves by wearing gloves and an apron.
- The spillage is mopped up with paper towels which are then discarded into a plastic waste sack and disposed of safely.
- The area is cleaned thoroughly with hot soapy water and left to dry.

## **Exclusions**

As part of our strategy for infection control and prevention we ask that children or staff who are ill or infectious from an occurrence of diarrhoea and vomiting do not attend the setting until 48 hours after the last occurrence of vomiting or diarrhoea. We ask children to remain absent from the setting if still showing symptoms of other illnesses in line with Government guidelines for dealing with infectious diseases in education and childcare settings issued by UK Health Security Agency.

**This policy was adopted by Threemilestone Preschool CIO**

Signed for and behalf of the preschool

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