Sick Children Medicine Policy and Procedure

Setting's Name:	Morning Star Nursery – Eldon Road
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We are conscious of the needs of working parents and try to be flexible as possible about accepting children into the nursery. We are happy to take children when they have a minor cough, cold or other minor infections. However, the nursery is a very stimulating environment and is not the best place for a child who is ill and we ask you to keep your child at home if s/he is sick until they are well enough to attend nursery.

We do not take children who may be highly infectious with contagious diseases such as chicken pox, measles, some skin infections, conjunctivitis, vomiting with diarrhoea or head lice as this puts all the other children and the staff at risk.

We require the parents/carers to notify us if their child becomes sick with a contagious illness.

If a child arrives at the nursery and becomes sick during the day we will assess the child's situation and will call the parent/carer and ask them to collect their child or inform them of their child's condition.

Administering Medicines

We will endeavour to administer prescribed medication to the children provided that:

- The parent/carer has completed and signed a daily medication consent form which details the instructions for administering, the frequency and dosage.
- We believe that the drug can be administered safely by our staff members.
- The medicine is provided in the original container as dispensed by a pharmacist.

Staff members will administer the medicine and record the time and dosage given. This will be witnessed by a second staff member who will also sign the medication form. The parent must sign the daily medication form and collect their child.

Storing Medicines

All medicines will be stored in a cupboard and locked in each rooms which in inaccessible to the children unless the medicines need to be labelled clearly with the Childs name. Access to the medicines are granted to the room Leaders, we will return medicines to parent s that are no longer in use at the nursery or have passed their expire date.

Emergency medication such as inhalers and epipens will be stored in the office cupboard (on the bottom draw) to ensure they are accessible at all times.

First Aid

We ensure that at least half our staff members are qualified in first aid for children and babies. At least one member qualified in first aid is on duty at any time.

First aid boxes are located on every floor and the office; we also have a travel first aid box which is brought on trips.

 Morning Star will act in the event of any illness, accident or emergency. We require parents/carers to sign a consent form for any emergency medical treatment. If we feel necessary we call an ambulance for a child to be taken to hospital, a member of staff will accompany the child. We will inform parents immediately.

Illness(incubation)	Period when Infectious	Signs and symptoms	Minimum exclusion
Chicken Pox(10 – 14)	1 day before rash to 6 days after appearance of rash	Fever, very itchy rash with blister like appearance	7 days from onset of rash
Rubella/German measles (14-21 days)	A few days before rash to 4 days after appearance of rash	Slight cold, sore throat, swollen glands behind ears , slight pink rash	5 days from onset of rash
Measles (10 – 15 days)	A few days before rash to 5 days after appearance of rash	High fever, runny noses/eyes cough, white spots in mouth, blotchy rash on face and body	7 days from onset or rash.
Mumps(12-26 days)	A few days before until swelling subside.	Pain and swelling of jaw, painful swallowing, fever	Until swelling has gone.
Whooping	From 7 days after	Snuffle cold,	21days from onset of

cough/Pertussis(7 – 10 days)	exposure to 21 days after onset of cough	spasmodic cough with whoop sound, vomiting	cough
Skin infections	Until treatment received /healed		Until treatment received/healed.
COVID-19	10 days from the day test results have been received	Fever Cough Rash	10 days