**ILL CHILD POLICY AND PROCEDURE**

At Amberley we promote healthy choices. We aim to protect children from harm or neglect and help them to stay safe. We recognise that it is in the child’s best interest to be in a home environment when they are unwell, rather than at nursery with their peers.

In order to minimise cross-infection children must stay at home if they have a contagious illness. We ask parents to promptly inform the nursery as to the nature of the illness. This will allow us to alert other families, as necessary, and to make careful observations of any child who seems unwell.

We ask parents not to bring their child into the setting if they have been vomiting or had diarrhoea until at least 48 hours has elapsed since their last attack.

Children who have been prescribed an anti-biotic must not attend nursery for the first 48 hours of taking their medication, unless this is part of ongoing care, to treat chronic medical conditions, and it has been agreed by the child’s doctor that they do not need to absent for 48 hours.

Children who have been given paracetamol or ibuprofen must not attend nursery, if they have been deemed unwell enough to require this medication they are very unlikely to be well enough to attend nursery.

Children with a temperature of 37.8 or above, or with any other symptom of corona virus must stay off nursery and take a PCR test.

When a child becomes unwell whilst in our care, we will ensure that the child receives appropriate care and attention, make them comfortable and minimise the risk of cross-infection. We will contact the parent/carer using the information on the child’s registration form. If the parent is not contactable, we will then call the child’s emergency contacts. The ‘uncollected child’ policy will be implemented if no authorised persons on the registration form are contactable. If it is deemed the child needs hospital care, an ambulance will be called and a member of the nursery team will accompany the child to hospital and remain with them until their parent arrives.

We shall follow advice given by the Local Authority and UK Health Security Agency regarding exclusion periods and notifiable diseases, following current guidance we shall report incidents to Ofsted, the Local Authority and UK Health Security Agency where required.

The vast majority of our staff hold a Paediatric First Aid certificate. There will always be at least one first aider onsite and on all outings.

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