

# **Cherrytree Nursery School Ltd**

## **First Aid and Medicines Policy**

If your child is unwell, we require a call on the first day of non-attendance at Nursery (for KCC auditing purposes) to advise the likely duration of absence. Your child may return to Nursery as soon as he/she is well enough, or your doctor advises he/she is no longer contagious.

Should an injury occur to a child whilst on the premises, it will be treated appropriately and recorded carefully. Parents/carers will be informed on collection of their child, or contacted by phone if considered appropriate for the severity of the injury. Should the injury (or illness) be deemed to be serious, the child's doctor will be contacted, or an ambulance called, as well as the parent being informed. All accident forms must be signed by the parent/carer and school. Children brought into nursery with injuries of any nature will have those recorded on an incident form on arrival, and this will be signed by the person advising us.

If a child becomes unwell whilst at Nursery we will keep them as comfortable as possible, his/her parent/carer will be contacted and asked to collect the child as soon as possible. In the event of the sickness being potentially contagious, or the parent/carer not being able to collect the child for a while, he/she will be removed from the rest of the group and kept in a quiet area where he/she may rest and be monitored. The parent/carer will be informed of any treatment the child may have received (e.g. cooling down) prior to collection. If we feel emergency aid is needed we will advise you of this also and make appropriate arrangements.

If a child develops sickness or diarrhoea whilst at nursery, he/she will be removed from the group and parents contacted immediately to collect their child. Disinfectant/bleach and disposable gloves are used when cleaning up after someone who has been ill. The toilet seat, flush handle and taps on the hand basin are cleaned with a diluted bleach solution after use by the infected person. A child who has sickness/diarrhoea is asked not to attend nursery until 48 hours after symptoms have ceased, or possibly for a longer period on the advice of the Consultant in Communicable Disease Control.

If a child requires immediate medical attention, an ambulance will be called and the child kept as comfortable as possible until it arrives. The parent/carer will be contacted and advised of the situation, and asked to meet the ambulance at the Nursery or the hospital. A member of staff would accompany the child until the parent/ carer is available to take over the care of the child. Health professionals are responsible for any decisions on medical treatment if the parent is not available.

We will only administer medication at Nursery if there is a health reason to do so. We are able to administer prescribed medicines as well as non-prescribed medicines (except those containing Aspirin), although your child should not be sent to Nursery if unwell. We will ask you to give written consent by completing a medication form, giving details of the dosage and frequency required.

Children with complex health needs will have an individual care plan drawn up and agreed with parents, health professionals and Nursery staff. We will access training for medical intervention for children with more complex medical needs eg diabetes, epilepsy etc and training will be cascaded to other staff as needed.