



D7 EYFS Illness Policy

- If a child appears unwell during the day, for example has a raised temperature, sickness, diarrhoea or pains, particularly in the head or stomach then the key person calls the parents and asks them to collect the child or send a known carer to collect on their behalf.
- A normal temperature in babies and children is about 36.4C, but this can vary slightly from child to child. If a child has a raised temperature (38C or more), they are monitored and given plenty of fluids until they can be collected (see above).
- A child's temperature is taken and checked regularly, using a Braun Digital Ear ThermoScan Thermometer. In an emergency an ambulance is called and the parents are informed.
- Parents are advised to seek medical advice before returning their child to St Francis School. The school can refuse admittance to children who have a raised temperature, sickness and diarrhoea or a contagious infection or disease (see Further Guidance below and illness exclusion policy).
- Where children have been prescribed antibiotics for an infectious illness or complaint, parents are asked to keep them at home for 48 hours for reception children and follow illness exclusion policy for nursery children..
- After diarrhoea or vomiting, parents are asked to keep children home for 48 hours following the last episode.
- Some activities such as sand and water play will be suspended for the duration of any outbreak of illness e.g. diarrhoea, vomiting.
- The setting has information about excludable diseases and exclusion times. This is displayed on the Reception Parent's Information Board.
- The EYFS Coordinator/Reception Teacher (Mrs Rachel Ashman) notifies the Pre-Prep Leader (Ms Nadine Finlay) if there is an outbreak of an infection (affects more than 3-4 children) and keeps a record of the numbers and duration of each event.
- The EYFS Coordinator/Reception Teacher or the Nursery Manager has a list of notifiable diseases and contacts Public Health England (PHE) and ISI in the event of an outbreak.
- If staff suspect that a child who falls ill whilst in their care is suffering from a serious disease that may have been contracted abroad such as Ebola, immediate medical assessment is required. The EYFS Coordinator/Reception Teacher, Nursery Manager or Pre-Prep Leader calls NHS111 and informs parents.

HIV/AIDS procedure

HIV virus, like other viruses such as Hepatitis, (A, B and C), are spread through body fluids. Hygiene precautions for dealing with body fluids are the same for all children and adults.



- Single use vinyl gloves and aprons are worn when changing children's pants and clothing that are soiled with blood, urine, faeces or vomit.
- Soiled clothing is bagged for parents to collect.
- Spills of blood, urine, faeces or vomit are cleared using the body fluids disposal spillage kit, bactericidal solution and cloths may also be used. All items are then disposed of following the instructions on the spillage kit.
- Tables and other furniture or toys affected by blood, urine, faeces or vomit are cleaned using a bactericidal solution.
- Plastic toys and resources are cleaned in a sterilising solution regularly.

Nits and head lice

- Nits and head lice are not an excludable condition; although in exceptional cases parents may be asked to keep the child away from St Francis School until the infestation has cleared.
- On identifying cases of head lice, all parents are informed and asked to treat their child and all the family, using current recommended treatment methods if they are found.

Further guidance

Guidance on infection control in schools and other childcare settings (Public Health Agency)

https://www.publichealth.hscni.net/sites/default/files/Guidance_on_infection_control_in%20schools_poster.pdf

Managing specific infectious diseases: A to Z (Updated 26th June 2024)

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/health-protection-in-schools-and-other-childcare-facilities/managing-specific-infectious-diseases-a-to-z>

High temperature (fever) in children (Page last reviewed: 03 January 2024)

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/fever-in-children/>

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