

WRENTHORPE PRE-SCHOOL, EARLY BIRDS AND NIGHT OWLS



SICK CHILDREN POLICY

Statement of Principle

A sick child is one who is not in a fit condition to participate in the activities of the setting or one who has an infectious disease which may be passed on to others. Sick children should not be brought into Pre-school, Early Birds or Night Owls.

Our Aims

To make sure all parents/carers are aware of our policy on sick children so that our setting is free from infection and diseases.

Our Procedure

- We do not provide care for children who are unwell, have a temperature, sickness and diarrhoea or who have an infectious disease.
- If a child becomes ill during a session, the staff will try to contact the child's parents/carers while making the child comfortable in a secluded corner.
- In the case of an emergency, **the procedure for an adult or child seriously hurt or ill** is followed. It may be necessary to call an ambulance first and make contact with the parents as soon as possible after summoning help.
- Parents and carers are asked to take their child to the doctor before returning them to the setting; the setting can refuse admittance to children who have a temperature, sickness and diarrhoea or a contagious infection or disease.
- Where children have been prescribed antibiotics, parents/carers are asked to keep them at home for 48 hours before returning to the setting.
- Children who have sickness and or diarrhoea must be kept away from the setting for 48 hours after they are clear of their illness.
- We will provide a list of incubation periods of the most common infectious diseases and details of the minimum time during which the child should not attend the setting. This can be found in the parent/carers file. If a parent is in doubt, they should consult a member of staff before bringing the child.
- Staff will inform parents/carers as soon as possible if a case of German Measles, Chicken Pox or any other infectious disease is confirmed so that they can alert mothers who may be pregnant and people susceptible to infection.

- Parents/carers on stay and play session or students should not attempt to administer first aid or deal with illness and injuries particularly involving bodily fluids.
- Children with head lice are not excluded but must seek treatment. Parents will be notified if there is a case of head lice in the setting.
- HIV may affect children or families attending the setting and staff may or may not be informed about it. Children are not excluded because of the condition.
- The procedure for the cleaning of any spilt bodily fluids or faeces is adhered to at all times.
- Children with allergies and medical conditions are administered medication by a trained member of staff.

Wrenthorpe Pre-School Parent Management Committee adopted this policy at its meeting:

Held on _____

Signed _____

Position _____

Date _____

Review Date _____