Kidz Kabin Policy on Children with Raised Temperatures

Staff must follow the following procedures in cases where children have raised temperatures.

**Where the temperature taken with an ear thermometer reads 38 degrees or above with no obvious symptoms:**

•    Record first temperature taken on temperature form
•    Inform management
•    Take temperature again within 30 minutes and record again
•    If any changes inform management

If **symptoms** start to show and temperature has risen, management must be informed immediately and parents called. If the child remains free of symptoms, inform parents about their condition and **if parents agree** calpol or equivalent may be administered and recorded on medication chart. 2 members of staff must be present when a child is given any medication to check the dose and any instructions on the medication packaging, eg dose appropriate for age of child. Parents will be asked to respond to an email which will ask for consent to administer appropriate medication.
•    Temperature should be taken again 30 minutes after child has had medication. If the child is happy (ie -no symptoms present, playing and appears to be engaging with staff and responding in a way that is normal for the child), then the temperature should continue to be monitored every half hour for the next hour. If the temperature remains stable (below 38 degrees) and there are no symptoms, the child can remain at nursery.

The child should be monitored and if there are changes within the hour inform management so they can call parents to pick up the child if necessary.

**Where the temperature taken reads over 38.0 degrees with obvious symptoms and where the child is clearly feeling unwell:**

•    Inform management
•    Call parents to collect as soon as possible but within 90 minutes

**Where the temperature taken reads over 39.0 degrees:**

•    Inform management immediately and notify the parents to collect their child as soon as possible.
•   Management will always assess if medical intervention is required at any time.

**A child with a temperature must be clear of their temperature without the assistance of medication for at least 24 hours before returning to the nursery.**

Each case is to be assessed on an individual basis by the child’s keyworker and management in order ascertain the best treatment or action needed at any given time.  Children should not be sent home for teething, coughs and colds which are not causing any distress to the child. However, if a child has a heavy cold with continuous nasal discharge which is coloured, or a chesty cough we would ask parents to keep the child at home until they are well enough to return to nursery.

**Important Update from 06/12/2021**

Due to the ongoing rise in Covid Cases Kidz Kabin now require all children to have a lateral flow test or PCR if they have a temperature of 37.8 or higher/and or show symptoms of Covid 19. The symptoms include cold like symptoms, a temperature, sore throat and any symptoms which are unusual for the child or unexplained.

Visitors who enter the premises must wear masks.

Children who are sent home with a high temperature must not come back to nursery until they have had a normal temperature for a minimum of 24 hours. Management do have the right to refuse children’s admission if they ignore this policy.

The government advice in relation to the **OMICRON** variant is as follows:

If you are in close contact with a person who has the Omicron variant you will need to self-isolate for 10 days, even if you have had all 3 vaccinations. This applies to adults and children. You should be advised by test and trace if you either test positive with the variant or have been a close contact.

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