**Little Fingers Day Nursery Sickness procedure**

If a child is unwell at nursery then the following procedure will follow:

The room leader will be informed of the child’s illness or symptoms. The room leader will then inform the nursery Manager or supervisor. They will assess the situation and decide whether the child should be monitored or if the parent or carer will need to be informed.

The nursery Manager or supervisor will call the parent/carer to inform them of the following:

1. Your child is unwell, if he/she becomes worse then you will be contacted to come and collect your child.
2. Your child is to unwell to be at nursery, please come and collect them.
3. Your child is unwell and we think a doctor’s appointment is needed.
4. We have concerns about your child and feel they need to be seen urgently.

It is the policy of Little Fingers Day Nursery that infant paracetamol is only administered in the event that a child is teething. Children should not attend nursery if they have a high temperature and infant paracetamol is being used to control this.

A child that is taking antibiotics must be given the first 48 hours dosage at home, before they can return to nursery.

If a child has been prescribed a second course of the same antibiotic, for the same condition, as a follow on from the first course, then they do not need to spend another 48 hours at home providing the management agree that the child is well enough to attend and the medication is exactly the same as before.

If a child is suffering a case of sickness and diarrhoea, the child must not attend nursery for a minimum of 48 hours after the last time that they were sick. A child will not be accepted if they have been sick or have had diarrhoea within the last 48 hours.

If a child has a suspicious looking rash, the parent/carer will be called immediately to take the child to the doctors, the nursery is to be informed if it is a contagious illness, e.g. chicken pox, impetigo etc.

If a child contracts any childhood illness, the child will need to stay away from nursery until the rash/illness is no longer contagious.

If a child has an infection such as conjunctivitis they will not be able to attend nursery until all symptoms have cleared.

Infections such as the ones mentioned above can spread rapidly between children and staff therefore we must enforce our sickness procedure but also ask parents to support us with this. If your child is unwell please do not bring them to nursery. A poorly child will need a constant 1 to 1 approach which is very difficult for staff to continuously offer in such a busy environment.

Thank you for taking the time to read this sickness procedure, please can you sign and return the attached slip.

Many thanks

Nicola Hoadley

Director

**Please return this part of the form only, the rest is for your records.**

I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ agree to the terms and conditions of Little Finger’s Day Nursery’s sickness procedure and will inform the nursery of any medication that my child is taking or any illness that they may have.

Parent/Carer signature \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Management Signature \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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