

7. Illness and Injury

Illness and Injury Policy

Please also see our Accidents and our Covid policy.

Statement of intent

At Blakeney Pre-school, we consider the physical welfare of the children in our care to be of utmost importance. We work to protect children from the dangers of their physical environment and to minimize the risk of infection spreading amongst them.

Aims

- To minimise the spread of illness and infection within the setting.
- To develop a code of practise based on preventing injury to any child in our care.
- If such an injury should occur, to deal with it quickly and effectively.

In order to fulfil these aims

Illness

- We do not provide care for children, who are unwell, have a temperature, or sickness and diarrhoea, or who have an infectious disease.
- If your child or any member in your family shows any 1 of the main COVID 19 symptoms they must not attend preschool, and must request a test. They will not be permitted to return to preschool for 14 days or until a negative test result has been shown to preschool.
- If a child or staff member has suffered from diarrhoea and/or vomiting, they must not attend the setting until they have been symptom free for 48 hours.
- If a child becomes ill during a session, every attempt will be made to contact one of the people listed on the registration form, to arrange collection of the sick child. The child will be cared for until collected. The illness will be recorded on the 'accident/illness form' and the parent or carer will be required to sign this document.
- If a child requires emergency attention, either the child's doctor or emergency services will be called.
- If a child or staff member has a communicable disease, (other than HIV or Hepatitis B) they should not attend the setting until they are no longer infectious.
- OfSTED will be notified of any infectious diseases that a qualified medical person considers notifiable.
- OfSTED and our insurer will be notified of the death or serious injury to a child whilst in the care of Blakeney Pre-school.
- Children with head lice are not excluded, but should be treated by parents to remedy the condition.
- Staff, children and families are not excluded because of HIV.
- If a member of staff becomes ill during a session, adequate staff cover will be organised enabling the staff member to go home. If they require assistance, contact will be made with the necessary person (relative or other staff contact) who will be able to assist the staff member to travel home. Any periods of absence due to illness must be documented on a staff 'return to work' form

- Staff whose children are unwell should make alternative childcare arrangements and not bring them into Blakeney Pre-school.
- If your child or any member in your family shows any 1 of the main COVID 19 symptoms they must not attend preschool, and must request a test. They will not be permitted to return to preschool for 14 days or until a negative test result has been shown to preschool.

Injuries

- There will always be at least one staff member on duty who has a current Paediatric First Aid Certificate whenever there are children present and on outings. It is our intention to ensure that all staff are first aid trained and hold a current Paediatric First Aid Certificate.
- A well-stocked first aid box is stored in the kitchen and checked every month by the pre-school leader.
- Injuries are recorded in the Accident Book and a copy of this record is given to the parent to be signed.
- Treatment, for minor injuries only, will be given.
- Safe procedures are always carried out by the staff in case of injury or bleeding.
- If the injury is more serious, every effort will be made to contact the parent (or any other named emergency contact) as well as ringing 999.
- We ask that all parents complete, sign and return the Emergency Consent section of the Registration Form.
- Any child coming into the setting with an existing injury must have it documented and signed by the parent /carer and play leader before they are able to stay, parents /carers may be advised to seek medical attention before returning to preschool.
 - Children returning to preschool after a period of illness must have this documented on a 'returning to preschool after illness' form. This helps to prevent the spread of illness and may be required by Public Health England to assist in pinpointing the source of any outbreak or notifiable disease.

Contact Details

Our current insurance details are located on the notice board in the lobby.
OfSTED 0300 123 1231