



Illness and Exclusion

To promote good health of all the children and adults attending the setting, our nurseries operate under strict guidelines.

- Children must not attend nursery when ill, in particular with sickness, diarrhoea and discharge from the eyes or ears, very high temperatures, unexplained or contagious rashes (this includes Hand, Food and Mouth Disease).
- Children requiring antibiotics must also be kept away from nursery for at least 24 hours.
- Children must refrain from nursery for a minimum of 48 hours after the last episode of sickness or diarrhoea to ensure there is no chance of cross contamination.
- Zeeba Nurseries follow Public Health England guidelines on Infection Control in Schools and other Childcare Settings.
- The Nursery Manager / senior colleague has the right to refuse admission in the best interest of the child and other children in the nursery. It is unfair to expose other children to the risk of an infection.
- Parents / carers will be notified of any communicable disease affecting the nursery.
- We will follow procedures to prevent the spread of infection within the nursery (see our Infection Control Policy)
- We will notify the appropriate organisation of any reportable illness / disease and act on any advice given.
- It is the parent / carer's responsibility to ensure that all relevant information regarding their child's medical needs is passed on to Zeeba Nursery. A health care plan will be completed for any children with medical needs (such as allergies, asthma).

IF A CHILD BECOMES UNWELL WHILE AT NURSERY

If a child becomes unwell at nursery, vomits or develops diarrhoea, we will make every effort to contact the child's parents / carers and discuss the situation. For this reason, a minimum of 2 emergency contact numbers must be provided.

If this is not possible, we will then call the emergency contact number provided on the child's registration form. In the meantime, the child will be cared for by a member of staff. If the child is thought to be contagious they will be kept away from other children to avoid exposing other children to the risk of an infection.

If a child becomes seriously ill whilst at nursery, we would always ring for an ambulance before contacting the parents. Two members of staff (a senior member of staff and the key person / buddy preferably) will accompany the child and take the child's records which will contain details of the child's doctor and any allergies that they may have, any health care plan, medication and the consent for emergency treatment. Do not attempt to transport the sick child in your own vehicle.

IF THE ILLNESS APPEARS TO BE COMMUNICABLE

When determining the nature of a communicable disease and exclusion periods the current local guidance should be used. For guidance on exclusion periods the Nursery Manager will make reference to the Public Health England Guidance on Infection Control in Schools and other Childcare Setting. It is the responsibility of the Manager to ensure an up to date copy of current guidance on communicable diseases is available at the nursery.

All equipment and resources that may have come into contact with a contagious child must be cleaned and sterilised thoroughly to reduce the spread of infection.



The Nursery Manager retains the right of refusal attendance at the nursery to any children, parents, colleagues and visitors who are deemed communicable and may impact on the welfare of the rest of the nursery (see Infection Control Policy).

ADVICE ON HEAD LICE AND THREADWORMS

- Infestation from head lice and thread-worms are very common in young children.
- If a child is affected we request that parents / carers speak to management regarding this in confidence.
- If it is noticed whilst at nursery we will inform the parents in a sensitive manner and request that the child is treated before returning to nursery.
- Other parents / carers will be informed in writing (by mean of a letter, email or notice) including advice and guidance on treating head lice. More details on treating head lice can be found on www.nhs.uk/conditions/Head-lice and www.nhs.uk/conditions/Threadworms

WHO TO NOTIFY

If an outbreak of infectious disease is suspected, the local PHE centre (Public Health England) will be contacted.

If a contagious infection is identified in the nursery, the Nursery Manager must inform parents / carers of their child's exposure to the infection within 24 hours or the next working day. This will enable them to spot the early signs of this illness.

Any notifiable disease will be reported to the proper officer in the PHE centre and OFSTED. Notification must be made as soon as is reasonably practicable, but in any event within 14 days of the incident.

Food poisoning affecting two or more children looked after on the premises is a notifiable infectious disease in the UK.

RIDDOR: The Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations 1995 (RIDDOR) have a specific definition of a "dangerous occurrence". You can seek advice about what to report from the Health and Safety Executive on line.

CONTACT NUMBERS

Ofsted: 300 123 1231 enquiries@ofsted.gov.uk

London integrated region and PHE centre: 020 7811 7000/7001 151 Buckingham Palace Road London SW1W 9SZ

RIDDOR: http://www.hse.gov.uk/riddor/what-must-i-report.htm

Guidance on infection control in schools and other childcare settings – Public Health England https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachm-ent_data/file/353953/Guidance_on_infectio_n_control_in_schools_11_Sept.pdf
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School Health Matters/HPA: A Guide to Communicable Diseases and Infection Control

South East London Health Protection Team: On-line Reporting of Routine Infections for Schools – South East London Health Protection Team
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