

Skallywags Nursery

Procedure for the care of sick children

If a child becomes ill whilst in our care we will take every step possible to ensure they are comfortable and cared for until their parent/carer are able to take over.

Our practice

- If we feel a child is becoming unwell or is unwell we will take them to a quiet area to assess the situation.
- We will endeavour to contact the child's main carer to explain the situation
- If we are unable to contact the main carer, we will contact the emergency contact
- During the conversation you will be informed of your child's illness and asked to collect the as soon as possible.
- Information and support will be given on the type of illness and how long the child must be kept at home. I.e. 48 hours from the last episode of sickness and diarrhoea/24 hours if the child is prescribed antibiotics by their GP.
- We expect all parents to cooperate with us by keeping their child at home for the required length of time, as this helps us control the spread of infectious illness to other children and staff members.
- If your child becomes ill at home, we would expect parents to call us and inform us of their symptoms.
- We follow guidelines set out by health protection authorities on children's exclusion from nursery due to contagious infection or illness.
- We will inform parents if there is a contagious illness in the nursery and offer advice

Administering Medicine policy

At Skallywags Nursery, we are happy to administer medication that is provided by a doctor and that is clearly marked with the pharmacy label.

If your child is prescribed antibiotics then we ask that you do this at home for the first 24 hours.

In the case of life line medication a long-term medication form must be completed and if necessary a demonstration or training may be required to ensure the medication is administered correctly by a practitioner.

This training will be organised by the Manager when needed.

For the administration of medicine, parents are required to complete a long or short-term medication form this must be completed in full, dated and signed by the parent.

The key person of the child will update the form every time the medication is given with the date, time and dosage and will then sign the form.

All medication is stored strictly in accordance to the product instructions.