

STOWUPLAND PRE-SCHOOL AND THE MIGHTY OAKS

SICK CHILD POLICY

Statement of Intent

Our setting is committed to providing a safe and secure environment in which the welfare of the children in our care is supported by our policies and procedures.

Aim

Our aim is to set out clear systems and procedures to be followed in the event of a sick child. At all times the confidentiality of children within our care and meeting their needs is our primary concern.

If a child arrives with any of the following symptoms parents/carers will be asked to take the child home. If the symptoms develop during the day, parents/carers will be contacted and asked to collect their child. Parents/carers are in the best position to make decisions about a child, including taking them to the doctor if necessary. As a care provider this also supports us in our duty to minimise the spread of infection to other children within our setting.

- Fever (100 degree F underarm; 101 degree F oral) and sore throat, rash, vomiting, diarrhoea, earache, irritability or confusion.
- Diarrhoea (runny, watery or bloody stools)
- Vomiting
- Body rash with fever
- Sore throat with fever and swollen glands
- Severe coughing (child gets red or blue in the face and makes a high-pitched whoop after cough)
- Eye discharge (thick mucus or pus draining from eye, or pink eye)
- Yellowish skin or eyes
- Child is irritable, continuously crying, or requires more attention than can be provided without risking the health and safety of the child and other children on our care.

If it proves necessary to ask a parent/carer to collect a sick child we will provide adequate comfort and care until the parent/carers arrival.

If a child has suffered from vomiting or diarrhoea, we ask that they are kept away from the setting until a minimum of 48 hours has passed since the last time they showed symptoms.

We hold information from the Health Protection Agency on Infection Control in Child Care Settings. This will also be used to make a judgement in order to meet the best interests of the child.

We will inform parents/carers and Ofsted of any notifiable diseases/infections as appropriate.

We endeavour to keep abreast of current health issues.

This policy was adopted at an AGM of Stowupland Pre-school and The Mighty Oaks.

Held on (date)..... Review date.....

Signed on behalf of the Pre-school (Chairperson).....