

### **Safeguarding and Welfare Requirement: Health**

The provider must promote the good health of children attending the setting. They must have a procedure, discussed with parents and/or carers, for responding to children who are ill or infectious, take necessary steps to prevent the spread of infection, and take appropriate action if children are ill.

## **6.7 Procedure for dealing with flu-like symptoms (Non-COVID)**

There is no need to close the nursery if any child or member of staff develops a flu-like illness.

The most important measures are to keep symptomatic children and adults out of the setting, and to maintain good hygiene practices.

### **We will encourage children to:**

- ☺ Cover their nose and mouth when coughing or sneezing, using a tissue when possible.
- ☺ Dispose of dirty tissues promptly and carefully.
- ☺ Wash hands frequently with soap and water to reduce the spread of the virus from hands to face or to other people.

### **We will also:**

- ☺ Clean hard surfaces (such as door handles) frequently using a normal cleaning product.

### **Parents are asked to:**

- ☺ Notify us if their child is ill with flu-like symptoms,
- ☺ Keep their child at home and not to send them to nursery until they are well again.

## **What to do if a child develops flu-like symptoms**

Should a child develop symptoms whilst at nursery we will:

- ☺ Isolate them from other children until they can be collected by a parent or relative.
  - ☺ A member of staff will care for them during this time.
  - ☺ A member of staff providing close personal care to a child for more than an hour, should try to keep one meter away from the child whenever possible.
  - ☺ Staff will be reassuring towards the child while keeping a distance from him or her.
  - ☺ Staff should take particular care with their own hygiene and avoid touching their mouth, nose or eyes unless they have washed their hands and staff should wash their hands thoroughly if they have been near the child.
- ☺ **Staff showing symptoms will be sent home.**

### **Sources of advice and support**

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

<https://www.gov.uk/pandemic-flu>

For further advice please contact NHS Choices - call 111 for non-urgent medical advice

<http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/Pandemic-flu/Pages/Introduction.aspx>

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