

St George's Central CE Nursery



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Infectious and Communicable Diseases

St. George's Central CE Nursery (Lancaster Avenue) is committed to the health and safety of all children and staff that play, learn and work here. As such, it will sometimes be necessary to require an unwell child to be collected early from a session or be kept at home while they get better. In such cases, the provisions of the Health Policy will be implemented.

In accordance with the procedures set out in the Health Policy, parents/carers will be notified immediately if their child has become unwell and needs to go home. Unwell children will be comforted, kept safe and under close supervision until they are collected.

If a child has had to go home prematurely due to illness, they should remain at home until they are better for at least 24 hours (in accordance with Guidance on Infection Control – see policy section of website or nursery office). If a member of staff becomes ill at work, similar restrictions on their return will apply.

If a child or member of staff becomes unwell outside nursery hours, they should notify the nursery as soon as possible. The minimum exclusion periods outlined in the Guidance on Infection Control document will then come into operation.

If any infectious or communicable disease is detected on the nursery's premises, we will inform parents/carers personally as soon as possible. We are committed to sharing as much information as possible about the source of the disease and the steps being taken to improve the situation. Environmental Health and the Senior Leadership team will also be informed of any infectious or communicable diseases discovered on the nursery's premises as appropriate.

Head Lice

When a case of head lice is discovered at nursery, the situation will be handled carefully and safely. The child concerned will not be isolated from other children, and there is no need for them to be excluded from activities or sessions at the nursery. When the child concerned is collected, their parent/carer will be informed in a sensitive manner. Other parents/carers will be informed as quickly as possible in writing. Staff should check themselves regularly for head lice and treat whenever necessary.

Minimum Exclusion Periods for Illness and Diseases

The document 'Guidance on Infection Control' will give advice on exclusion periods, however, this list is not necessarily exhaustive, and staff are encouraged to contact local health services if they are in any doubt.

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Chair of Governors

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