



'A happy place to grow and learn'

LEECHPOOL CATERPILLAR NURSERY & AFTER-SCHOOL CLUB

SICK CHILD POLICY

POLICY STATEMENT

Our nursery and after-school club are not equipped to care for sick children, however we will do everything we can to comfort a child who has become unwell whilst at pre-school.

WE WILL FOLLOW THESE HEALTH PROCEDURES:

Parents will be required to keep children at home if they have any infectious disease such as a cough, cold, conjunctivitis or tummy bug.

See list of notifiable diseases in the policies file or speak to a member of staff

In the case of vomiting or diarrhoea, children should not attend pre-school for 48 hours after the last episode has occurred.

Cuts and sores should be covered with a waterproof plaster.

If your child needs paracetamol or Ibuprofen to make them well enough to come to nursery then please keep them at home.

If we feel that a child is at risk of infecting others within the group with any illness, we reserve the right to refuse entry on that day

Parents will be informed if there is any infestation of head lice, infection of scabies or worms, or childhood infectious diseases which may affect other children or adults;

In the event of a child becoming unwell while attending the parent/carer of the child will be contacted on given contact numbers to arrange collection.

IF A CHILD DEVELOPS CORONAVIRUS SYMPTOMS WHILST AT NURSERY

If anyone in an education or childcare setting becomes unwell with a new, continuous cough or a high temperature, or has a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia), they must be sent home and advised to follow the COVID-19: guidance for households with possible coronavirus infection guidance.

If a child is awaiting collection, they should be moved, if possible, to a room where they can be isolated behind a closed door, depending on the age of the child and with appropriate adult supervision if required. Ideally, a window should be opened for ventilation. If it is not possible to isolate them, move them to an area which is at least 2 metres away from other people.

If they need to go to the bathroom while waiting to be collected, they should use a separate bathroom if possible. The bathroom should be cleaned and disinfected using standard cleaning products before being used by anyone else.

PPE should be worn by staff caring for the child while they await collection if a distance of 2 metres cannot be maintained (such as for a very young child or a child with complex needs).

In an emergency, call 999 if they are seriously ill or injured or their life is at risk. Do not visit the GP, pharmacy, urgent care centre or a hospital.

If a member of staff has helped someone with symptoms, they do not need to go home unless they develop symptoms themselves (and in which case, a test is available) or the child subsequently tests positive (see 'What happens if there is a confirmed case of coronavirus in a setting?' below). They should wash their hands thoroughly for 20 seconds after any contact with someone who is unwell. Cleaning the affected area with normal household disinfectant after someone with symptoms has left will reduce the risk of passing the infection on to other people.

What happens if there is a confirmed case of coronavirus in a setting?

When a child, young person or staff member develops symptoms compatible with coronavirus, they will be sent home and advised to self-isolate for 14 days. Their fellow household members should self-isolate for 14 days. All staff and students who are attending an education or childcare setting will have access to a test if they display symptoms of coronavirus, and are encouraged to get tested in this scenario.

Where the child, young person or staff member tests negative, they can return to their setting and the fellow household members can end their self-isolation.

Where the child, young person or staff member tests positive, the rest of their class or group within their childcare or education setting should be sent home and advised to self-isolate for 14 days. The other household members of that wider class or group do not need to self-isolate unless the child, young person or staff member they live with in that group subsequently develops symptoms.

As part of the national test and trace programme, if other cases are detected within the cohort or in the wider setting, Public Health England's local health protection teams will conduct a rapid investigation and will advise schools and other settings on the most appropriate action to take. In some cases a larger number of other children, young people may be asked to self-isolate at home as a precautionary measure – perhaps the whole class, site or year group. Where settings are observing guidance on infection prevention and control, which will reduce risk of transmission, closure of the whole setting will not generally be necessary.

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