



## **ILLNESS, SICK CHILDREN POLICY**

It is the parent/ carer's responsibility to inform Fusion Pre-School Southdown if their child/ren will not be attending Fusion Pre-School Southdown on every day of absence, Via e-mail, text, telephone, or voicemail. If a child/ren does not turn up for their pre booked or agreed AD HOC sessions, then parents/carers will be called to confirm their whereabouts.

If a parent requires guidance regarding contagious illness they should speak to a member of staff.

We follow the **Health Protection Agency (HPA) Guidelines** on infection control. A full and extensive list is available on request.

If a child becomes ill whilst at Fusion Pre-School Southdown, we will contact the child's emergency contacts in order.

**Medication:** please see **Administering Medication Policy**

**First Aid:**

Fusion Pre-School Southdown's Designated First Aiders are clearly displayed on the notice board, they all hold a current First Aid Certificate and have attended a 12 hour Paediatric First Aid Course. There is always a First Aider available at every session. All First Aiders are fully epi-pen and defibrillator trained. The Management Team regularly checks the contents of the First Aid Box to ensure that they are up to date, appropriate for children and comply with the Health and Safety (First Aid) Regulations 1981.

### **Procedure for a minor injury or illness**

- The Leader will decide upon the appropriate action to take if a child becomes ill or suffers a minor injury (fall, cut).
- If a child becomes ill during a session, the parent/ carer will be asked to collect the child as soon as possible. The child will be kept comfortable and will be closely supervised while awaiting collection. If needed and possible within ratios, the child will be moved to a separate quieter room.
- If a child complains of illness which does not impair their overall wellbeing, the child will be monitored for the rest of the session and the parent/ carer will be notified when the child is collected.
- If a child suffers a minor injury, first aid will be administered, and the child will be monitored for the remainder of the session. If necessary, the child's parent will be asked to collect the child as soon as possible. Parents/carers will be asked to sign a First Aid form to acknowledge the accident.

### **Procedure for a major injury or serious illness**

- In the event of a child becoming seriously ill or suffering a major injury ie broken limb, the Leader will decide whether the child needs to go straight to hospital or whether it is safe to wait for their parent/carer to arrive.

- If the child needs to go straight to hospital, we will call an ambulance and a member of staff will go to the hospital with the child. The staff member will take the child's Medical Form with them and will consent to any necessary treatment (as approved by the parents on the Medical Form). We will contact the child's parents/carers with all urgency, and if they are unavailable, we will call the other emergency contacts that we have on file for the child.

After a major incident the Leader and staff will review the events and consider whether any changes need to be made to policies or procedures. Fusion Pre-School Southdown will notify Ofsted and Child Protection Agencies in the event of any serious accident or injury to a child in our care as soon as reasonably possible and within 14 days at the latest.

We will notify Health and Safety Executive (HSE) under RIDDOR in the case of a death or major injury on the premises (eg broken limb, amputation, dislocation, etc – see the HSE website for a full list of reportable injuries).

### **Communicable diseases and conditions**

- Notifiable disease include:
  - COVID-19- we are now living with this common illness. If Government dictated a specific plan we would inform parents/staff.
  - Cryptosporidiosis
  - Diphtheria
  - E.coli O157
  - German measles (rubella)
  - Hepatitis A, B or C
  - Measles
  - Meningitis
  - Mumps
  - Scarlet fever
  - Shigella (dysentery)
  - Typhoid
  - Tuberculosis
  - Whooping cough (also called pertussis)
  - Monkey Pox
- Please refer to the Exclusions table <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/health-protection-in-schools-and-other-childcare-facilities/exclusion-table> to know when your child is allowed back into Pre-School. Or get guidance from Health Services.
- If your child has sickness or diarrhoea, please keep them at home until they have **48** hours clear from the last episode.
- Please inform staff if your child has a contagious illness such as chicken pox, impetigo.
- If a child has an infectious illness or disease such as mumps, meningitis, TB, Monkey Pox etc. OFSTED will be informed.
- If a case of head lice is found at Fusion Pre-School Southdown, the child's parents/carers will be discreetly informed when they collect their child. We will inform other parents via email that we have a reported case of headlice, but we will not identify the child affected.

- If an infectious or communicable disease is detected on Fusion Pre-School Southdown's premises, we will inform parents/carers as soon as possible.
- If there is an incident of food poisoning affecting two or more children looked after at the Fusion Pre-School Southdown, the Leader will inform Ofsted as soon as possible and within 14 days at the latest.
- If there is an outbreak of a notifiable disease at Fusion Pre-School Southdown, we will inform the local Health Protection Team, HSE under RIDDOR (if appropriate), and Ofsted.

### **Streptococcus A (strep A)- Dec 2022 added in**

Group A Streptococcus (GAS), also known as Strep A, are bacteria commonly found on the skin or in the throat. Under some circumstances these bacteria can cause disease. GAS infection commonly presents as a mild sore throat ('strep throat') and skin/soft tissue infections such as impetigo and cellulitis. GAS can very rarely cause more serious conditions, known as invasive group A Streptococcus (iGAS) infections. These can include:

- bacteraemia (an infection of the bloodstream)
- septic arthritis
- meningitis
- necrotising fasciitis (a severe infection involving death of areas of soft tissue below the skin)
- Streptococcal toxic shock syndrome (rapidly progressive symptoms with low blood pressure and multi-organ failure).

iGAS infections tend to happen in the elderly, the very young, or people with an underlying risk factor such as injecting drug use, alcoholism, immunosuppression or cancer.

If a child at Fusion has any of the symptoms, we will phone parents to collect or call 999:

- Child is having difficulty breathing (you may notice grunting noises or their tummy sucking under their ribs)
- there are pauses when your child breathes
- Child's skin, tongue or lips are blue
- Child is floppy and will not wake up or stay awake

If any of the below is visible, 111 or GP will be called.

If the child is:

- getting worse
- feeding or eating much less than normal
- has had a dry nappy for 12 hours or more or shows other signs of dehydration
- is under 3 months and has a temperature of 38°C
- is older than 3 months and has a temperature of 39°C or higher
- feels hotter than usual when you touch their back or chest, or feels sweaty
- is very tired or irritable

At Fusion we will ensure that hygiene is top priority.

- wash hands properly with soap for 20 seconds and antibac
- use a disposable tissue to catch coughs and sneezes
- keep away from others if you feel unwell
- Not sure food/utensils

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Signed and approved:	Fusion Pre-School Southdown		