HARPOLE PRE-SCHOOL

"Kind Hands, Kind Hearts, Fun Learning"

3.10 Infection Control Policy & Procedure

Harpole Preschool has adopted the Preschool Learning Alliance (PLA) policy Infection Control. The PLA ensure that their policies adhere to statutory guidance and legislative procedure and they provide the preschool with any updates. All policies and procedures are ratified by the Preschool Trustees on a rolling programme. The preschool staff, led by Sharon Matthews, ensure that their practice is in line with the policies and procedures outlined in the PLA guidance.

Policy statement

Good practice infection control is paramount in Harpole Preschool. Young children's immune systems are still developing, and they are therefore more susceptible to illness. Children who are showing signs of infection are encouraged to stay at home. If it is noticed in setting that a child is poorly, their temperature will be taken and parents/carers will be contacted to collect their child. See policy 3.11 Poorly Children.

Prevention

- Minimise contact with individuals who are unwell by ensuring that those who have symptoms of an infectious illness do not attend settings and stay at home for the recommended exclusion time (see below UKHSA link).
- Always clean hands thoroughly, and more often than usual where there is an infection outbreak.
- Ensure good respiratory hygiene amongst children and staff by promoting 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach.
- Where necessary, for instance, where there is an infection outbreak, wear appropriate PPE.

Response to an infection outbreak

- Manage confirmed cases of a contagious illness by following the guidance from the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA)

Informing others

Early years providers have a duty to inform Ofsted of any serious accidents, illnesses or injuries as follows:

- Anything that requires resuscitation.
- Admittance to hospital for more than 24 hours.
- A broken bone or fracture.
- Dislocation of any major joint, such as the shoulder, knee, hip or elbow.

- Any loss of consciousness.
- Severe breathing difficulties, including asphyxia.
- Anything leading to hypothermia or heat-induced illness.

In some circumstances this may include a confirmed case of a notifiable disease in the setting, if it meets the criteria defined by Ofsted above. Please note that it is not the responsibility of the setting to diagnose a notifiable disease. This can only be done by a clinician (GP or Doctor). If a child is displaying symptoms that indicate they may be suffering from a notifiable disease, parents must be advised to seek a medical diagnosis, which will then be 'notified' to the relevant body. Once a diagnosis is confirmed, the setting may be contacted by the UKHSA or may wish to contact them for further advice.

Further guidance

Good Practice in Early Years Infection Control (Alliance Publication)

This policy was adopted by	Harpole Pre-school	*(Name of provider)*
On		*(date)*
Date to be reviewed		*(date)*
Signed on behalf of the provider		
Name of signatory		
Role of signatory		