



Updated information regarding illnesses, Medication, and accident policies for Burnholme Nursery

We kindly ask that parents take the time to read the following statements to ensure that you are clear on our policies and procedures when it comes to medication, illness, and accidents.

Parents are asked not to bring into nursery any child who has been vomiting and or has had diarrhoea until at least 48 hours has elapsed since their last attack.

Parents are asked to keep their child at home for at least 48hrs if an infection is contagious, e.g. Conjunctivitis, impetigo. (This is to stop the infection spreading)

We kindly ask that parents monitor these infections and any other infections that your child may have and seek advice from a doctor or health professional if symptoms continue or worsen this is to avoid children becoming more ill and spreading infections to others.

Speak to a member of staff if you're unsure when children should be kept off nursery regarding any other illnesses e.g. chicken pox, hand foot and mouth

If your child is due to have vaccinations/immunisations then they *MUST* have had this 24 hour prior to returning to nursery – children can have a reaction to these and we want to ensure your child is well at nursery, therefore please keep them off for 24 hours.

At Nursery we can only give prescription medicine that has been prescribed by a doctor or Dentist to the child in question. **Any prescribed medicine should be stored in the original container, clearly labelled with prescription details.** The medicine can only be given to the child named on the container for the dosage stated.

The child must have had the prescribed medicine before, with no adverse effects. This is to prevent the risk of an allergic reaction to new medicines. **Therefore, it is our policy to exclude children on antibiotics/inhalers and prescribed creams for the first 48 hours of the course in case of an allergic reaction.**

Ongoing medications such as inhalers etc need to be brought everyday a child attends our setting, clearly labelled and in the original box/container. You may be asked to fill out an Asthma plan.

Parents must complete forms for all medication whether its short term or long term, and these forms must be filled out correctly.

Burnholme Nursery will not administer non-prescription medication*.

***Non-prescription medication – such as paracetamol/ cough medicine**

If you have given your child any paracetamol/ibuprofen before they attend nursery, we need to know the reason, this is so we can monitor your child during the time that they are with us and if they become unwell then you would be contacted to collect them.

If your child becomes unwell and showing a high temperature whilst at nursery, we will monitor this and if it doesn't go down, you will be contacted to come and collect. We will then ask you to keep your child off nursery for the next 24hrs to ensure they're well enough to return.

COVID-19: If your child is showing symptoms of covid (high temperature, cough, cold) we advise that you keep them away from nursery until the symptoms have gone, if you can please test and inform the nursery of the outcome – Thank you

TEETHING: It is recognised that a temperature can accompany childhood development stages such as teething. Please inform the nursery if you are aware your child is teething etc and whether you have administered Paracetamol to soothe any pain and discomfort associated with teething. We will still however have to contact you if their temperature becomes too high as we cannot administer paracetamol to bring it down.

We are happy to administer other teething remedies.

Home accidents – At Burnholme Nursery we ask that parents tell us about any injuries that a child has had when they are away from nursery. We then require you to complete a home accident form with as much detail as possible, this is to ensure all staff are aware of the injury.

We do ask that you seek medical advice for any injuries, if necessary,

If for any reason a child has attended the Accident and emergency department then we ask that parents keep their child at home for at least 24 hours after the visit. To ensure that they are ok and do not suffer any further effects of the accident/illness whilst at nursery

Parents will then be asked to complete a home accident form on their return to nursery.

We also suggest seeking further advice if injuries or symptoms have become worse and/or may be affected by being at nursery e.g. become infected or sore by any nursery activities.

Nursery accident forms – At nursery we have accident forms that are completed by staff if your child has an accident at nursery – we require you to read through the form and sign to say you have been told about the accident, we will also give you a copy of the form.

We will contact you if an accident is deemed serious and ask you to collect asap.

If you have any questions regarding the policies mentioned in this letter, please feel free to get in touch.

Kind regards

Sarah, Burnholme Nursery Manager