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### Policy Statement.

The Little Meadow Group provides care for healthy children and promote health through identifying allergies and preventing contact with allergic substance and through preventing cross infection of viruses and bacterial infections.

### EYFS key themes and commitments

A Unique Child	Positive Relationships	Enabling Environments	Learning And Development
1.2 Inclusive practice 1.4 health and well being	2.2 Parents as partners 2.4 Key person	3.2 Supporting every child	

## Procedure for children with allergies

- When parents start their children at the setting they are asked if their child suffers from any known allergies and asked to complete the details on their child's registration form.
- When we are made aware of an allergy, all staff are made aware of the nature of the allergy and the severity of the reaction.
- We talk through with parents the management of the reaction should one occur and whether there are control measures in place.
- Should the severity of reaction necessitate the use of medication (e.g. EpiPen) then a permission to administer as found in our permission to administer medicine must be completed and the procedure followed regarding handling of medication.
- In order to remain inclusive for all, where possible the setting will eliminate the allergen from its sessions attended by the child. Where this is not possible, we will provide an alternative.
- The header sheet of the child's records will be updated with allergy details.
- Generally no nut or nut products are used in the setting. This is also communicated to the parents so no nut products are accidentally brought in.



## Oral medication

- Oral medications must be prescribed by a GP and have manufacturer's instructions printed on them.
- The group must be given clear instruction on administering completed on the permission to administer and relevant paperwork completed.
- All procedures need to be adhered to regarding the storage of medicines.

## **Procedure for children who are sick or infectious**

- If a child appears unwell during the session, have a temperature, sickness, diarrhoea or pains, and staff are concerned, the Manager/Session Leader will call the parent and ask them to arrange for the child to be collected.
- A child with a temperature, will be kept cool, removing top layers, keeping them away from draughts and using a cool towel whilst awaiting their collection from the setting.
- Temperature will be taken and recorded using a fever scan thermometer which is kept by the first aid box.
- In extreme cases of emergency, the child will be taken to the hospital and the parent informed.
- Children who are taken home early due to illness are requested to either attend the doctor before returning or ensure a minimum period of 48 hours has elapsed without further episodes of diarrhoea or sickness.
- The setting has a list of excludable diseases and current exclusion times (as at 2006) see appendix 1.

## Reporting of "notifiable diseases".

- If a child or adult is diagnosed suffering from a notifiable disease, under the Public Health (infectious disease) regulations 2014 (see copy), the GP will report this to the Health Protection Agency.
- When the setting becomes aware or is formally advised, the Manager will inform Ofsted and will act on advice given by the Health Protection Agency.

## If a child becomes unwell during session with potential Covid 19 symptoms

- If a child becomes unwell with symptoms of coronavirus (new continuous cough OR fever OR loss/change to sense of smell or taste) while in the setting and needs direct personal care until they can return home. It will be necessary for the bubble lead to use a fluid-resistant surgical face mask if a distance of 2 metres cannot be maintained. If contact with the child is necessary, then disposable gloves and a disposable apron will also be needed. The child will need to be removed to a safe distance from the other children and, if a risk assessment determines that there is a risk of splashing to the eyes, for example from coughing, spitting, or vomiting, then eye protection should also be worn.

Any child, who starts displaying coronavirus symptoms while at the setting should, wherever possible, be collected by a member of their family or household within an hour

The Infection Control and the use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for COVID-19, Guidance for non-Health Care settings v2 booklet provides a clear table which outlines the PPE required in each setting. Row l to p relate to education settings (pages 12 and 13) and rows r-t on page 14 cover cleaning of infected areas and transporting children.

To minimise the risk of infection it is important that PPE is put on (donning) and taken off (doffing) correctly and that it is disposed of carefully. Guidance on donning and doffing is on page 19 and is supported by a video which can be found here <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-personal-protective-equipment-use-for-non-aerosol-generating-procedures>.

Information on disposal can be found on page 2. The guidance also provides helpful background information as well as best practice handwashing and PPE specifications. We encourage you to familiarise yourself with this information and will continue to update it as necessary.

Members of staff that have been supervising a child with symptoms of COVID can return to work once the child has been collected. They should not need to change their clothes if the guidance described here has been followed, unless the clothes have been obviously soiled for example with vomit.

#### Nits and Head lice

- Nits are not an excludable condition although in exceptional cases a parent may be asked to keep a child away until the infestation has cleared.
- The setting has literature on the process for eliminating Nits and Head lice and also have access to a web site should a parent speak to the setting concerned about prevention, we will make these available to the parents.