

# Allergies, Sickness & Infection Policy

## PLUME AVENUE NURSERY IS A NUT-FREE SETTING

### Allergies

All parents / carers are required to notify the nursery of any allergies / intolerances of their child/ren. Where an allergy or intolerance may require emergency medication to be administered at nursery, we will require a letter or other medical evidence to this effect. If medication is not available, Plume Avenue Nursery reserve the right to refuse entry to the child on that day or until such time that medication is made available.

The nursery registration form has a section for any allergies / intolerances to be noted. Any subsequent additions or alterations to those on the original form are added to the child's record on the nursery database and a new allergy / intolerance poster is produced. These are displayed in the play rooms on the days the child attends the setting. All staff are notified of any changes to the poster and/or care plan.

Any child with an allergy or intolerance or other major health issue has their health care plan clearly displayed in the play room. All staff are required to know what action is required in the event of an allergic reaction or similar event.

### Sickness

Our policy for the exclusion of ill or infectious children is discussed with parents / carers. This includes procedures for contacting parents - or other authorised adults - if a child becomes ill while in the setting.

Guidance with regard to Communicable Diseases and the requirements of the Nursery are initially sought by reference to Government guidelines - <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/health-protection-in-schools-and-other-childcare-facilities/managing-specific-infectious-diseases-a-to-z> (updated June 2024)

- We do not provide care for children who are unwell, have a temperature above 37.8, sickness and/or diarrhoea, or who have an infectious disease.
- Children with headlice are not excluded, but must be treated to remedy the condition. All parents are notified if there is a case of headlice in the setting.
- All parents are notified verbally, and via the ClassDojo app if there is an infectious disease, such as chicken pox, Hand, Foot & Mouth, Slapped Cheek etc. Guidance for this notification is taken from NHS / Gov websites.
- HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus) may affect children or families attending the setting. Staff will be made aware but reminded of their responsibility with regard to confidentiality.
- Children or families are not excluded because of HIV.
- Good hygiene practice concerning the clearing of any spilled bodily fluids is carried out at all times.
- Staff suffering from sickness and / or diarrhoea are expected to leave the setting as soon as possible once appropriate cover / ratios have been arranged.
- Children suffering from sickness and / or diarrhoea are expected to leave the setting as soon as possible once the parent / carer has been contacted.

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In the event of any antibiotics being prescribed, the child will need to be absent from nursery for at least 24 hours from the first dose.

In the event of sickness and / or diarrhoea, the child will need to be absent from nursery for at least 48 hours after the last bout of illness, UNLESS this is due to a previously disclosed underlying medical condition we are able to manage within the setting. We reserve the right to extend this period to 72 hours or longer if necessary.

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Ofsted is to be notified of any cases of children in nursery care suffering from;

Food poisoning - affecting 2 or more children / Meningitis / any outbreak of a notifiable disease; see Public Health (Control of Disease) Act 1984 & Public Health (Infectious Diseases) Regulations 1988



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