

Children should not be left at Nursery if they are unwell. If a child is unwell it is in their best interest to be in a home environment with adults they know well rather than at Nursery with their peers. In the interest of keeping children healthy and minimising infection we will implement the following procedures:

- If a child becomes ill during the Nursery day, their parent(s) will be contacted and asked to pick up their child as soon as possible. During this time the child will be cared for in a quiet, calm area with their key worker, wherever possible.
- Should a child have an infectious disease, such as sickness and/or diarrhoea, they should not return to Nursery until they have been clear for at least 48 hours. We notify Ofsted where we have any child or staff member with a notifiable disease such as food poisoning or acute meningitis. If a contagious infection is identified in the Nursery, parents will be informed to enable them to spot the early signs of this illness.
- It is important that children are not subjected to the rigours of the Nursery day, which requires socialising with other children, when they have first become ill and require a course of antibiotics. We advise that children on antibiotics should rest at home for at least the first 48 hours of the course.
- If you have given your child Calpol/Paracetamol or any medication before coming to Nursery, which we do not recommend doing, please can you inform us. We ask this as symptoms can be masked and when it wears off the child will suddenly start displaying symptoms we cannot explain. We also need to have this information as to dosage, time given and reason so that in the case of an emergency we have this information.
- The Nursery has the right to refuse admission to a child who is unwell. This decision will be taken by the Head of Nursery on duty and is non-negotiable.
- Information/posters about head lice are readily available and all parents are requested to regularly check their children's hair. If a parent finds that their child has head lice we would be grateful if they could inform the Nursery so that other parents can be alerted to check their child's hair.
- Moira House Nursery will notify Ofsted and local protection agency of any serious accident or injury to, or serious illness of, or the death of, any child whilst in our care.
- We endeavour to have all staff with a paediatric first aid certificate, if this is not possible then there will be at least one member of staff present that holds a current certificate.
- The first aid box is located in the kitchen area of the Nursery. All medication that does not require to be placed in the fridge will be in the box. The box content will be checked and re-stocked by the school nurse every term.
- The accident book is located in the kitchen area and will be completed when required. The accident book will be completed by the member of staff that dealt with the accident and must be signed by the parent on collection of their child. A copy of the report will be given to the parent.

Related policies and documents

This policy should be read in conjunction with the following policies and documents:

Employee Handbook
Staff Handbook
Code of Conduct for Employees
Health Safety Handbook
Boarding Staff Handbook
National Minimum Standards for Boarding Schools
ISI Handbook for the Inspection of Schools, Regulatory Requirements



ROEDEAN MOIRA HOUSE NURSERY - SICKNESS, ILLNESS AND INJURY POLICY 2018-2019

Teachers' Standards
Departmental Handbook
Keeping Children Safe in Education
Safeguarding Policy
Nursery Policies
Complaints Policy (Parents)
Complaints Policy (Pupils)

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