

Health, Illness and Emergency

It is Stepping Stones policy to encourage and promote good health and hygiene for all the children in our care. This includes monitoring the children for signs and symptoms of communicable diseases such as chickenpox, measles, mumps, rubella, meningitis, hepatitis, diarrhoea, vomiting and fevers of 101°F/38°C or over.

To ensure the health and welfare of the sick child and in the interests of the other children attending, if the staff believe a child is ill, the parent/carer will be contacted and requested to collect their child immediately.

Staff at Stepping Stones must be confident that the child is healthy before re-admitting him/her.

In the case of a serious accident or illness the parent/carer will be contacted immediately and appropriate action taken. In the unlikely event of the parent not being available the child's emergency contact will be called. If neither are available the senior staff member will assume charge and if necessary accompany the child to hospital with all relevant details.

The following procedures will be followed in the event of:-

Major Accident

At all times the staff *must* wear protective clothing (disposable aprons and gloves).

- The manager will assess the situation and decide whether the child needs to go to hospital immediately or whether the child can wait for the parent/main carer to arrive
- If immediate hospital treatment is required an ambulance will be called. The parent/main carer will be contacted and arrangements will be made to meet the parent/main carer at the hospital. A member of staff will accompany the child to the hospital
- If immediate hospital treatment is not required the parent/main carer will be contacted and the child will be made as comfortable as possible. A member of staff will stay with the child until the parent/main carer arrives
- It will then be for the parent/main carer to decide whether the child requires hospital treatment
- An accident report form will then be completed

Minor Accident

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