Infectious Disease Prevention Policy
Statement 6

Aim:
To prevent the spread of infectious diseases in the community and safeguard the health of all children and adults who access the Nest.

Explanation:
Germs are all around us but there are specific ways in which they spread so by following procedures we can stop or reduce the spread of the diseases.

The most important ways to break the chain of spread of disease are exclusion of ill children or staff, immunisation and hygiene.

Action:
- Children are not to attend the Nest when unwell, e.g. fresh cold, raised temperature, vomiting, pale, lethargic or cough.
- Parents are to notify the Nest if their child is to be absent and provide details of why the child is away.
- Parents are to keep their child at home until well or a doctor has given the all clear to attend school, in some cases a medical certificate may be required i.e. whooping cough.
- When a child shows symptoms of illness whilst in the Nest staff will provide appropriate care for them and contact the parent or emergency contact number.
- Information will be displayed in each home group regarding infectious diseases.
- The Nest follows the guidelines set out in the DECD document ‘Personal Care Support Planning in Schools and Preschools’ and ‘Staying Healthy in Childcare’.

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