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At Enfys Hapus Nursery we promote the good health of all children attending. To help keep children healthy and minimise infection, we do not expect children to attend nursery if they are unwell.

**Our procedures**

In order to take appropriate action of children become ill and to minimise the spread of infection we implement the following procedures:

* If a child becomes ill during the nursery day, we contact their parent(s) and ask them to pick up their child as soon as possible. During this time we care for the child in a quiet, calm area with their key worker, wherever possible
* We follow the guidance given to us by Infection Prevention and Control for Childcare Settings (0-5 years) Nurseries Child Minders and Playgroups and advice from our local health protection unit on exclusion times for specific illnesses, e.g. sickness and diarrhoea, measles and chicken pox, to protect other children in the nursery
* Should a child have an infectious disease, such as sickness and diarrhoea, they must not return to nursery until they have been clear for at least 48 hours. We notify the CSSIW as soon as possible where we have any child or staff member with food poisoning. We inform all parents if there is a contagious infection identified in the nursery, to enable them to spot the early signs of this illness. We thoroughly clean and sterilise all equipment and resources that may have come into contact with a contagious child to reduce the spread of infection
* We exclude children on antibiotics for the first 48 hours of the course (unless this is part of an ongoing care plan to treat individual medical conditions e.g. asthma and the child is not unwell) This is because it is important that children are not subjected to the rigours of the nursery day, which requires socialising with other children and being part of a group setting, when they have first become ill and require a course of antibiotics
* We have the right to refuse admission to a child who is unwell. This decision will be taken by the manager on duty and is non-negotiable
* We make information/posters about head lice 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.

Meningitis procedure

If a parent informs the nursery that their child has meningitis, the nursery manager should contact the Infection Control (IC) Nurse for their area and CSSIW. The IC Nurse will give guidance and support in each individual case. If parents do not inform the nursery, we will be contacted directly by the IC Nurse and the appropriate support will be given. We will follow all guidance given and notify the appropriate authorities including CSSIW if necessary.

Transporting children to hospital procedure

The nursery manager/staff member must:

* Call for an ambulance immediately if the sickness is severe. DO NOT attempt to transport the sick child in your own vehicle
* Whilst waiting for the ambulance, contact the parent(s) and arrange to meet them at the hospital
* Redeploy staff if necessary to ensure there is adequate staff deployment to care for the remaining children. This may mean temporarily grouping the children together
* Arrange for the most appropriate member of staff to accompany the child taking with them any relevant information such as registration forms, relevant medication sheets, medication and the child’s comforter
* Inform a member of the management team immediately
* Remain calm at all times. Children who witness an incident may well be affected by it and may need lots of cuddles and reassurance. Staff may also require additional support following the accident.

If a child has an accident that may require hospital treatment but not an ambulance we will contact the parents and ask that they collect their child straight away. If a Parent is unable to get to the nursery within a fairly short period of time, we will ask the parent if they are happy to allow us to transport the child to hospital using a licenced taxi. At all times we will keep a close eye on the childs condition. If parents give permission we will transport the child to hospital using a licenced taxi and comply with the law which states: ***“****If a child car seat is not available in a licensed taxi or licensed private hire car, the child may travel unrestrained in the rear. This is the only exception for children under 3 years. It was introduced for practical rather than safety reasons. You should always think about ways to make sure that a child seat is available”.*([*www.childcarseats.org.uk/the-law/cars-taxis-private-hire-vehicles-vans-and-goods-vehicles/#under-three*](http://www.childcarseats.org.uk/the-law/cars-taxis-private-hire-vehicles-vans-and-goods-vehicles/#under-three)*).*

Where possible we would ensure the child was in a car seat. However, if this was not practicable we would ensure the staff member sat in the rear with the child, providing comfort and reassurance as well as keeping an eye out for any deterioration. Parents would continually be updated and met at the hospital. If the childs condition deteriorated the staff member would call 999 and speak to the Ambulance Service. The staff member would explain the situation, give details of taxi whereabouts and the route taken to the hospital as well as road conditions i.e. traffic jams, road closure etc. Taking advice of the Ambulance service i.e. whether it is quicker to continue with the taxi or whether an abulance could reach the taxi sooner.

The staff member would take into account the safeguarding policy at all times and remain with the child until the parent(s) arrive.

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| *11 June 2019* | *Danielle O’Sullivan* | *On or before 11 June 2019* |