

Accidents and illness

All children have a contact number for a minimum of two people the parents have nominated to collect them in case of illness or accident. Children tend to deteriorate more quickly than adults when ill but are often unable to tell you exactly what is wrong. Observation of a sick child requires skill and experience. We do not take risks; we contact one of the people on the registration form making sure not to make them over anxious but request that they come for the child. Serious is hard to define but if e.g. a cut needs medical attention a first aider will know, other problems are less easy to decide. All decisions are made by two people never an individual. If both feel urgent treatment is necessary an ambulance will be called, the parent/carer will be contacted to either meet at Cabbage Patch or the local hospital whichever suits the timing. If staff go to the hospital, they will take the registration form which all parents have signed detailing any specific requirements for their child and giving consent for them to be seen by a medical professional. The remaining staff will continue to play as normal as possible with the other children. We are always aware of our staff to child ratio and would if necessary, contact replacement adults for those leaving the building.

All accidents however minor are recorded in our accident book which parents/carers are asked to sign when they collect their child and the staff involved will explain how it happened. A head injury poster is displayed in the kitchen showing types of injury and responses. A photo copy of the head injury form is kept by the setting and the original given to the parent / carer.

First aid box

Accessible at all times and adequately stocked with recommended items from the list provided at our latest first aid training course.

Medication

Where possible the parent should administer the medication. If it is not possible e. g. on the rare occasion when medicine has to be taken more than three times a day the medication must be clearly labelled with the Childs name, dosage and instructions. The parent must sign to say they give permission for the staff to administer the medicine.

Non prescribed medication should be given by the parent and not required during a child's time at Cabbage Patch. Giving of such medicines is at the discretion of the setting.

All adults who help at Cabbage Patch must familiarize themselves with our accident procedure and sign the accident book.

OFSTED will be notified within 14days of any "serious accident, notifiable disease, if a parent is advised to take their child to hospital or they inform us their child has attended hospital.

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All staff undertake paediatric first aid training and our specific designated persons for 2020 /2021 school year are Rachael Jones and Maria Whelan.

