St. Francis’ Nursery Unit

Sickness, Accident & Medication Policy

Sickness

- If a child is sick in Nursery they will be comforted and reassured, cleaned up and changed and the parent will be contacted to collect the child in line with our Intimate Care Policy.
- Should a child appear unwell the parent will be contacted to collect the child from Nursery.
- If a child complains of feeling unwell the staff will use their professional judgement in assessing the situation and will contact the parent if required.

Accidents

Bumps

- Should a child receive a bump a cold compress will be used to minimise the swelling when required. Ice packs are available for this purpose. The parent will be contacted and will be asked to make a decision on whether to collect the child from Nursery or not. The incident is recorded in the Accident Book and signed by the parent.

Grazes & Cuts

- Disposable gloves should be used by staff when dealing with body fluids/open wounds.
- Wounds will be washed with cotton wool and clean water. Should a child need hospital attention the parent will be contacted.
- A plaster will be applied if we have signed parental consent to do this.
- Creams are prohibited.

Infections

- Should a child appear to have a communicable infection the parent will be contacted for the child to go home. (See Infection Policy)

Medication

We do not administer medicines to children. The exception to this is the use of an inhaler which may be necessary to control asthma or an Epi-pen in the case of a child having an allergic reaction.

A normal antibiotic which has to be taken 4 times daily can be taken in the morning, when the child is collected, at tea time and bedtime. If parents wish the medicine to be administered during school time they are welcome to come and give the medicine to their child themselves.

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However, if the child has a long term or chronic illness which requires frequent medicine in order to maintain regular attendance at school, the whole school policy will be adhered.

Please Read: -

POLICY FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATION IN ST FRANCIS' P.S.