

Procedure for Sick Children

Purpose of this Sick Children policy

- ✦ If a child becomes ill at camp the following procedures will be followed:
- ✦ If a child informs a staff member that they feel unwell the staff member will identify and carry out appropriate next steps, which may include taking their temperature, having water, being in a quiet area, asking when they have last eaten and how they feel before a decision to send a child home is made.
- ✦ If a child has sickness or diarrhoea they will be sent home immediately, children should not return to camp until the day following their last case of sickness/diarrhoea.
- ✦ If contact cannot be made with families then staff will contact the emergency contacts provided by the families upon completing their registration.
- ✦ The child will be made comfortable while they wait to be collected.
- ✦ A first aider will always be consulted for advice on an illness.

If families/ emergency contacts cannot be reached the child will be made comfortable and monitored and staff will continue to try to make contact.

If a notifiable disease is suspected we will contact the local health protection agency (UKHSA NWL Health Protection Team on 0203 326 1658 or UKHSA Thames Valley Health Protection Team on 0344 225 3861) and we will follow the advice given by Public Health England managing infectious diseases and incubation periods, this information can be found in the locked site box.

In the case of an emergency when the child's health is at risk an ambulance will be called and, where possible, one member of staff will accompany the child to hospital. Families/ authorised adults will be contacted and informed with the most up to date information.

Children remaining at home when sick:

We understand the needs of childcare for working families. However, the decision of the site manager is final when requesting a child remains at home for illness or infection, decisions will consider the needs of the child and those of the group.

Children with infectious or contagious diseases will be asked to remain at home for certain periods of time as recommended by Public Health England. If the site manager suspects that a child has an infectious or contagious disease, they will request that families consult a doctor before returning the child to camp.

We recommend that no child may attend the site while suffering from one of the communicable diseases and that they should remain at home for the minimum periods recommended. Please see guidelines to illness / communicable diseases provided by the Public Health England that can be found in the locked site box.

Most Common illnesses

Coughs and colds do not normally require the child to stay at home but this can depend on the severity. If a child appears unwell, we may ask that the child is taken home.

A child who has sickness or diarrhoea whilst on site is to be collected immediately and kept away for 48 hours until the day following their last case of sickness/diarrhoea.

Families will always be contacted and informed if their child has a high temperature of 101F / 38C or above.

If children have chicken pox, they need to be absent from the site until all vesicles have crusted over.

Families will also be contacted if their child develops a rash. We recommend parents to have this checked by their doctor whose advice should be followed.

Policy Responsibility and Review

We are committed to reviewing our policy and good practice annually.

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To be reviewed: 12/04/2024	Signed: 