ILLNESS

Schools and nurseries are common sites for transmission of infections. Children are particularly susceptible because:

- they have immature immune systems
- have close contact with other children
- sometimes have no or incomplete vaccinations
- have a poor understanding of hygiene practices

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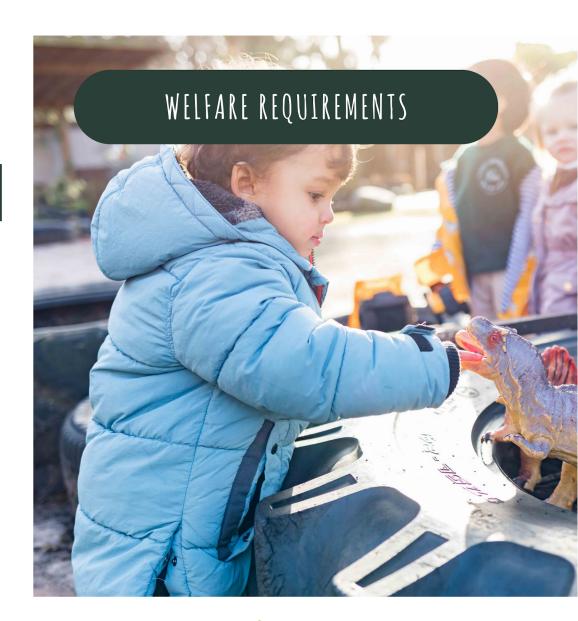


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Our aim is to provide a safe and secure environment for our children, staff, volunteers and visitors. We are committed to safeguarding and meeting the needs of young people and we hope this leaflet will provide some useful advice.

Safeguarding and Promoting the Welfare of Children is defined as:

- protecting children from maltreatment;
- preventing impairment of children's health or development;
- ensuring that children are growing up in circumstances consistent with the provision of safe and effective care;
- taking action to enable all children to have the best life chances.

We can all play a part in keeping the children safe whilst working or visiting a Roots Federation School.



When a child becomes ill, we will make the child comfortable in a quiet place where he/she can rest and be closely supervised.

Parents will be notified immediately and asked to collect. If we cannot reach a parent/s, we will call an emergency contact listed on the child's personal information form and expect them to collect the child.

This will be the case if they vomit, have loose stools (type 6 or 7 on the Bristol Stool chart) or a second temperature reading of 38+ degrees.

Parents are asked to ensure that their child's personal information form is kept up to date.



To ensure the safety and wellbeing of the children who attend Roots Federation we ask for your support in following the arrangement for managing an ill child. We have protocols in place to administrate pain relief and prescribed medication.

Parents are asked to inform the school of anything that might impact on their child's well-being e.g. a fall, poor sleeping or an upset in order that the team can respond appropriately to the child if the need arises. Parents will inform their child's school within 24 hours of a diagnosis of a serious illness or contagious disease of a communicable nature in the family. This is to protect all the children, staff and the other families who attend the School. If your child requires Calpol to lower a temperature or manage pain the should not be in Nursery.

MEDICATIONS:

Prescription medications will only be given to a child in our care when

- · Parents complete a daily medication form
- · The medication is presented with a pharmacy label with the child's name on it and full dosage details

Non Prescription Medication:

If a child needs Calpol or similar medication every 4 hours due to pain or a temperature, Roots Federation conclude that the child is too ill to attend that day.

If a child needs non-prescription drugs to function but is not ill then the procedures will follow those for prescribed medicines e.g. Piriton as an initial response to a nut allergy. In these instances the child will have a signed health care plan detailing these arrangements. Non-prescription medications will be administered as per recommended dosages on medicine bottle.



ROOTS FEDERATION WILL PROVIDE THE BEST EDUCATIONAL SETTINGS FOR THE UNDER 5'S PREPARING CHILDREN FOR LIFE LONG LEARNING THROUGH A SKILLS BASE CURRICULUM THAT IS FOCUSSED ON THE NEEDS OF EACH UNIQUE CHILD.

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