

Managing Children with Allergies, or who are Sick and Infectious.

We provide care for healthy children and promote health through identifying allergies, preventing contact with the allergenic substances and through preventing cross infection of viruses and bacterial infections.

Procedures for children with allergies

- During inductions you will be asked whether your child has any known allergies. This is recorded on their registration form.
- Depending on the condition we will also need your child's care plan form his/her GP or Paediatrician.
- The form is kept in the child's personal file and is displayed on a notice board for all staff to see.
- If necessary, we will ask you to show us how to administer special medication in the event of an allergic reaction.
- **No nuts or nut products are used within the setting by the preschool staff. Children must not bring nut products in their lunchbox. Any foods containing nuts that are found in a child's lunchbox will not be given to them.**
- All snacks provided by the preschool will be nut free.

Procedures for children who are sick or infectious.

- If a child appears unwell at preschool, you will be phoned to collect your child.
- If your child has been sent home from preschool with a temperature, we ask that you keep your child off for 24 hours.
- In extreme cases, where an ambulance is called to take your child to hospital, and you will be informed as soon as practically possible.
- For certain illnesses we will ask you to keep your child off preschool until the infection/illness has gone and they are 48 hours clear.
- If we are informed of a notifiable disease the manager or committee will inform Ofsted and act on any advice given to us by either the local G.P or the health protection agency.
- When a child is on antibiotics or any other new medication, they **must** stay home from preschool for 24hours after the first dose. This is not only to ensure no adverse reactions take place at preschool but also to give the medicine chance to work.
- Busy Otters follows the 'Devon Spotty Book' guidelines on incubation period and returning to preschool. This can be found online.