

# THE LITTLE ARK

## HEALTH & ILLNESS POLICY

- Symptoms and illnesses requiring a child's exclusion will include diarrhoea, vomiting, a fever of 101° F/38° or above, chickenpox, measles, mumps, meningitis and hepatitis. After an episode of sickness or diarrhoea a child MUST remain off for at least 48hours from the last occurrence.
- If a child becomes ill whilst at nursery, it will be the responsibility of the supervisor, deputy or other delegated member of staff to ensure that the child's parent or carer is informed. The child's parent/carer should be encouraged to collect the child as soon as possible and the child should be kept comfortable, away from the other children and closely supervised by an adult.
- If a child has a notifiable disease, confirmed by his/her doctor, the parents and/or the nursery must inform Ofsted and the local health authority.
- The supervisor should be responsible for ensuring that no child is admitted to the nursery suffering from an illness that warrants exclusion.
- In the event of a serious accident or illness to a child, immediate contact of parents and medical professionals should be made (RIDDOR will be notified of serious accidents i.e. those requiring hospital treatment).
- There should be clear notes in the child's health record indicating any medical procedures which would violate the family's religious beliefs and any specific conditions e.g.; diabetes, epilepsy, sickle cell trait. These should be recorded on a piece of paper, which should go to the hospital with the child in the event of an emergency when parents cannot be reached.
- It is the parent's responsibility to notify us of any allergies their child may have when they start with us or any diagnosed allergies whilst with us. We will ensure that these allergies are catered for in the setting as appropriate.
- As many staff as possible will be first aid trained. There will always be a first aid trained member of staff at the setting.
- All staff must wear gloves and/or protective clothing when dealing with blood, vomit, faeces etc.