



Immunisation Policy

At Little Explorers Day Nursery and Preschool, we are committed to promoting the health and wellbeing of all children and staff. In line with public health guidance, we strongly encourage that children are vaccinated in line with the NHS childhood immunisation schedule. This supports the prevention of serious illnesses and helps protect the wider nursery community.

Promoting good health, including immunisation, is an important part of safeguarding and protecting children from preventable illnesses.

Children's Immunisations

- We encourage all parents to ensure their child is vaccinated in accordance with the UK routine immunisation schedule, unless medically advised otherwise.
- Parents are asked to inform us if their child has not received immunisations appropriate to their age. This enables us to manage and reduce any potential risk to their child, other children, staff, and families.
- The nursery manager must be aware of any children who have not been vaccinated.
- Some children may not be vaccinated due to:
 - Age (e.g. too young to receive a particular vaccine)
 - Medical conditions or allergies
 - Parental choice (informed refusal)

We make all parents aware that some children attending nursery may not be fully vaccinated. We do not discriminate against any child who is not immunised. We will ensure parents are aware of the potential risks of infectious diseases and how these are managed within the setting.

We record immunisation status on children's registration forms and update this as needed, including when children reach key immunisation milestones. We may request confirmation (e.g. Red Book) where appropriate.

Infectious Disease Outbreaks

In the event of an outbreak of a vaccine-preventable disease (e.g. measles), we will follow guidance from the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA).

This may include:

- Informing parents and staff
- Excluding unvaccinated children where advised by public health authorities
- Implementing additional infection control measures

Post-Immunisation Attendance

Children can attend nursery following immunisations if they are well enough to participate in normal activities.

If a child experiences side effects such as fever, discomfort, or distress following immunisation, parents should keep them at home until they are well enough to return.

Nursery staff will monitor children for any signs of illness and follow the nursery's sickness policy where required.

Staff Immunisations

- All staff are encouraged to remain up to date with NHS-recommended vaccinations, such as:
 - MMR (Measles, Mumps and Rubella)
 - Pertussis (Whooping Cough)
 - Seasonal Influenza
 - COVID-19 (if recommended)
 - Hepatitis B (where occupational risk applies)

Staff should inform the nursery manager if they are advised not to receive a specific vaccination or are unsure of their immunisation status. In such cases, we recommend staff consult their GP or practice nurse.

Emergency Information

- Emergency contact details and medical information (including vaccination status) are recorded for each child on their registration form.
- This information is reviewed and updated every six months or sooner if changes are communicated by parents.
- Reminders to update records are shared through newsletters, the Parent Information Board, and during parent meetings.

Policy Review:

This policy will be reviewed annually or sooner if updated government guidance is issued. We follow current guidance from the Health Protection in Education Settings guidance.

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