



New Delaval Primary School

Sick Child Policy

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Aim

The aim of this policy is to ensure that all staff and parents/carers are aware of the procedures to take in the event of a child being ill

Background

At New Delaval Primary we understand that all children have minor illnesses, such as coughs and colds, and that these should not prevent them from attending. In addition, we also understand that some children have longer-term illnesses and conditions that, while serious, should also not prevent them from attending if their parents wish them to. For these children a health care plan is usually agreed with parents or guardians.

However, New Delaval Primary is aware that some children will occasionally have illnesses that make it inappropriate for them to attend, particularly in the case of infectious illness that might be spread to others.

Policy

- If a child arrives ill, the senior member of staff should take the decision as to whether the child is fit to attend and, if not, the parent/guardian should be asked to take the child home.
- Children with the following signs or symptoms should be sent home and parent/guardians advised that their children may not return until **24** hours after they have been symptom free:
 - a. diarrhoea and/or vomiting
 - b. doubtful rash
 - c. conjunctivitis
 - d. infectious illness, for example flu, chicken-pox, mumps or measles
 - e. fever or temperature
- If a child becomes unwell while on the premises, or has an accident involving injury, then the duty first aider should be asked to see the child immediately and, where appropriate, the child's parent/guardian should be called and asked to collect the child.
- In the event of illness or accident requiring hospital treatment, the person in charge will make an attempt to inform the parents/guardians immediately and arrange to have the child taken to hospital with an appropriate escort.
- If the parents/guardians do not arrive or are unable to be contacted, the escort should stay with the child until the appropriate treatment has been given and follow the advice of the responsible doctor.
- In all cases the first aider should complete a detailed report of what happened and action taken and any illness, accident or injury to a child should be recorded in the accident book.

Management Duties

Managers and senior staff in new Delaval Primary have a duty to:

- protect the health and safety of staff and children at all times
- ensure that all policies and procedures are effectively implemented
- regularly review and audit provisions in this area to ensure that policies, procedures and arrangements are adequate
- arrange any training required

Staff Duties

Staff have a duty to:

- comply with agreed policies and procedures at all times

Training

All staff will be made aware of this policy during induction and provided with necessary training relevant to their role.

Applicability and Scope

This policy applies to all staff and volunteers working for New Delaval without exception. All staff have responsibility for ensuring their work within the remit of this policy and in the manner in which they have been trained.

Responsibilities

Responsibility for the implementation, monitoring and review of this policy lies with the Governors and leadership team.

Links to Other Policies

This policy links to other safeguarding policies including:

- Health and Safety policy
- First aid policy

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