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COSHH and Health

Bradpole Preschool works in accordance with the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974. The Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulation 2002, Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) at Work regulations 1992, The Health and Safety (First Aid) regulations 1981 and Ofsted National Standards.

We aim to provide a healthy and safe environment for all children and staff to work in. We will do all in our power to prevent the spread of infection and to promote good health.

Bradpole Preschool works in accordance with the Manual Handling Operations Regulations 1992

The Health & Safety Officers will be responsible for reporting to the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) in accordance with The Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations 1995 (RIDDOR).

The following must be reported:

- Deaths and injuries
- Occupational diseases
- Dangerous occurrences
- Gas incidents

Incidents should be reported online at <http://www.hse.gov.uk/riddor/report.htm>, fatal or major injuries may be reported by telephone on 0345 300 9923

WE HAVE A STRICT NO SMOKING POLICY INSIDE AND OUTSIDE THE PRESCHOOL PREMISES.

THERE IS A NO SMOKING POLICY ON THE SIR JOHN COLFOX SCHOOL GROUNDS.

- Infection in a Preschool can spread rapidly, among not only young children but also the staff. If we have reason to believe that any child is suffering from a notifiable disease, identified as such in the Public Health Regulations 1988, we will follow the guidelines for reporting injuries, diseases and dangerous occurrences regulations (RIDDOR), we will inform Ofsted, and all parents/carers, and local radio. We will act on any advice given and if required, the Preschool would close for as long as necessary.
- Parents are required to keep their children at home if they have any infection and to inform a member of staff as to the nature of the infection to enable other parents to be alerted.
- Parents must inform pre-school if they have given any medication to their child prior to them arriving (e.g. Paracetamol, inhalers).
- Any child who is previously unwell on arrival at the Preschool will not be accepted.



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- If a child becomes unwell during the course of the day, the parent will be contacted and if necessary, asked to collect the child. If we are unable to contact parents/carers personally, we will telephone the other numbers that have been given as an alternative and make the child as comfortable as possible, until somebody is able to collect them. Therefore, it is essential that emergency contact numbers are kept up-to-date.
- If a child has a seriously high temperature, we will administer infant paracetamol suspension to make the child more comfortable. If they have not been at the setting for four hours, we will check with parents first before administering medication to avoid over dose. We will ask the parents to make arrangements to collect the child. We will only administer infant paracetamol suspension if we have the parents/carers written consent to do so.
- A full list of infection exclusion periods is available at:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/health-protection-in-schools-and-other-childcare-facilities/managing-specific-infectious-diseases-a-to-z> The following exclusion procedures must be adhered to:
 - **Gastric Upsets** - Children must be excluded from the Preschool for 48 hours after the last attack of diarrhoea or sickness
 - **Fifth's Disease (Slap Cheek)** - There is no exclusion period once the rash has developed but those who are pregnant should consult with their GP or midwife.
 - **Fever/Throat infection** - 48 hours after the fever has gone down, the child can return to Preschool
 - **Hand, Foot, and Mouth** - There is not an exclusion period but it may be necessary at the discretion of the setting. The preschool will contact the Health Protection Team if a large number of children are affected.
 - **Chicken pox** - Until all vesicles have crusted over.
 - **German measles** - Four days from the onset of rash.
 - **Impetigo** - Children can return 48 hours after starting antibiotic treatment.
 - **Head lice** - Any child who has head lice must not return to the Preschool until they have been treated and a member of staff should be informed
 - **Verruca's** - Need to be treated and covered at all times

If parents are unsure, they are asked to ring the Preschool before arriving at a session to check with the supervisor first.

A well child is a child who is happy and able to join in with group activities and not be dependent on infant suspension.

- Further guidance on common childhood diseases and infection control is available at
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/health-protection-in-schools-and-other-childcare-facilities/managing-specific-infectious-diseases-a-to-z>



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The environment

- As good hand hygiene will reduce the risk and control the spread of illnesses like flu, stomach upsets and other infections being passed from person-to-person wall mounted soap dispensers and paper towel dispenser are available to children and staff. Children are encouraged to wash their hands and are shown how to wash their hands thoroughly.
- All spillages of blood, urine, faecal matter and vomit are cleaned and disposed of carefully following procedures. Single use (non-latex) gloves and aprons are worn when changing children's nappies, pants and clothing that are soiled with blood, urine, faeces or vomit. This includes cleaning of the changing mat area and potty.
- Cleaning is provided through Churchill Cleaning, there is a separate COSHH in a red file in the main room for the products that Churchill uses.

Outdoor Clothing

- Parents who are settling their child at the start of the session are requested to wipe their shoes before entering the Preschool
- Children can wear sensible well fitted shoes to preschool which must be worn at all times unless wearing wellies to play outside.
- The outside play area will be checked daily before children are allowed out to play. The outside sand pit will be covered when not in use and the sand changed regularly as will the inside sand. As we play outside in all weathers, children need to bring a warm coat in cold weather; the preschool will provide waterproof clothing and wellies.
- On sunny days all children will wear a sunhat. Children are welcome to bring their own hat or the preschool will supply one
- On sunny days children need to be sun creamed. Children who are coming all day may need to have cream re-applied, the cream should be named and given to a member of staff and a permission form signed by a parent. The preschool has a boots children's sensitive factor 50 sun cream that may re-applied with parental permission.
- Drinking water is supplied at all times and children are encouraged to drink water on hot days and after physical activities

Reference

- <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/health-protection-in-schools-and-other-childcare-facilities/managing-specific-infectious-diseases-a-to-z>
- Health protection in schools and other child-care facilities Public Health England (2017)
- Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations (RIDDOR) 1995 (As Amended)



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