



The Burrow

Policies and Procedures



2. Health

The Burrow is committed to Safeguarding and Promoting the Welfare of Children and Young People and expects all staff, students and volunteers to do the same. Safeguarding children is everyone's responsibility.

2.4 Managing Illness, Infection, and Allergies

(Including Insurance Requirements)

Policy statement

The Burrow aims to keep children healthy, and promotes good health, through preventing cross infection of viruses and bacterial infections, and identifying allergies and managing them appropriately. At all times we ensure that the management of medical conditions and their treatment is compliant with the Safeguarding and Welfare Requirements of the **EYFS Statutory Framework (DfE 2025) (App OS3)**. We operate an equal opportunities policy on admissions and endeavour to give equal access to children with debilitating or life-threatening illnesses wherever possible, dependent on our terms of insurance.

Procedures

Children who are sick or infectious

- The Burrow may refuse admittance to children who have a temperature, sickness, diarrhoea, or a contagious infection or disease
- Children will not be admitted back in to setting until 48 hours after the last episode of sickness or diarrhoea
- Equipment used for cleaning is colour coded to ensure specific use only (red cloths/bucket/mop to be used only to clear/sanitise bodily fluids, yellow for food preparation, blue for general cleaning) to minimise the risk of infection spreading
- If children appear unwell during the day, staff will call the parents or emergency contact and ask them to collect their child. Our **Administration of Medication Policy (App 2.5)** is followed in the event of further treatment being required
- Children with prescribed antibiotics for an infectious illness or complaint, are advised to stay at home until symptoms have settled, or for as long as recommended when antibiotics were prescribed, before returning to the setting
- Reference is made to **Guidance on Infection Control in Schools and other Childcare settings (HSC Public Health Agency 2017) (App 2.4)** and **The Burrow List of Current Exclusion Times (App 2.4a)**, which are drawn to the attention of parents and staff on Induction
- Parents are instructed to visit their GP for a confirmed diagnosis of any infectious disease, and report incidences accordingly.

Reporting of 'notifiable diseases'

- Reference is made to the **List of Notifiable Diseases (App 2.4b)** taken from the Health Protection (Notification) Regulations 2010
- If there is a significant outbreak of an infectious disease in setting, The Burrow will follow appropriate guidance on reporting this as necessary
- Parents are informed of the incidence of any of these outbreaks in setting
- If a child or adult in our setting is diagnosed by a GP as suffering from a notifiable disease, the GP is expected to report this to the Public Health Agency
- When we are officially informed of an instance of a diagnosed notifiable disease in our setting, the setting will inform Ofsted and contact Public Health Agency to act on any advice given.

Dealing with bodily fluids

Viruses, including HIV, and Hepatitis A, B and C, are spread through bodily fluids. Hygiene precautions for dealing with any bodily fluids are the same for all children and adults:

- single-use gloves are available when changing children's nappies, pants and clothing that are soiled with blood, urine, faeces or vomit
- soiled clothing is bagged for parents to collect
- spills of blood, urine, faeces, or vomit are cleared up and sanitised using the 'red bucket' procedures
- furniture, furnishings, or resources affected by blood, urine, faeces or vomit are cleaned using disinfectant or disposed of appropriately if deemed necessary.

Allergies or long-term illness/medical need

- On registration parents are asked if their child suffers from any known allergies or long-term illness. This is recorded on the **Registration Form (App 1.3a)**, a list is made, and all staff advised. This list is placed in the Cabin, the Studio, and the Kitchen
- If a child has a *significant* allergy or long-term illness, we ask parents to complete an **Illness, Allergy, Medication Action Plan (App 2.4c)** with full details
- We then complete a **Risk Assessment form (App 3.9a)**
- This IAMAP and risk assessment form is kept with the child's personal registration details and a copy is displayed in the areas previously listed
- A copy of the IAMAP is also kept in the child's personal medication box, if applicable
- As far as possible, no current significant allergens are used within the setting, and products provided by parents are monitored accordingly.

Disabilities

- For procedures regarding disabilities other than of those a medical nature, refer to our Supporting Children with SEND Policy 1.6 and Valuing Diversity and Promoting Equality Policy 3.1.

Insurance requirements and management of children with disabilities and medical needs

- Our insurance will include children with any disability or allergy as appropriate. For children suffering life threatening conditions, or requiring invasive treatments, we may seek written confirmation from our insurance provider to extend the insurance
- Medication:
 - Wherever possible we avoid giving oral medication or other medical intervention in setting
 - Where medical treatment is necessary, including the administration of medication, we follow procedures outlined in our Administration of Medication Policy 2.5
- Life-saving medical intervention and invasive treatments:
 - Full details and procedures are found in our Administration of Medication Policy 2.5
- If we are unsure about any aspect of a disability or medical need, we contact our current insurance provider for further information.

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