

Children's Health First Aid, Illness, Infection Control and Accidents

At **Fun Fest** we promote good health, including the oral health of the children we look after. We will deal promptly and effectively with any illness, accidents or injuries that occur while the children are in our care. We take practical steps to keep staff and children safe by taking appropriate action if children are ill or infectious. This keeps children and staff safe from communicable diseases.

All parents must complete the **registration form** when their child joins our Club and confirm our request for permission for their child to receive emergency medical treatment in the event of a serious accident or illness.

We will record any accidents or illness, together with any treatment given, on an accident form or incident form, which the parent or carer will be asked to sign when they collect their child.

Fun Fest cannot accept children who are ill or infectious. If any children are ill when they first arrive in the club, we will immediately notify their parents or carers to come and collect them. Any children who have been ill or infectious should not return to the Club until they have fully recovered, or until after the minimum exclusion period has expired. **For Illness and exclusion periods please see the table at the end of the policy.**

First Aid

The Club's Paediatric First Aid trained staff's names and certification are displayed within the Club at all times. These members of staff have a current paediatric first aid certificate and have attended a 12-hour paediatric first aid course, which complies with the requirements of Annex A of the EYFS. This training will be renewed every three years.

A qualified paediatric first aider will be in the club every day to ensure that they are available to respond quickly to any incident.

All staff are made aware of the location of the first aid boxes and are in a place easily accessible to ensure timely and effective first aid response to any incidents requiring attention.

A list of staff qualified in paediatric first aid will be visible in the Club.

The Manager and first aiders regularly check the first aid boxes to ensure they are up to date and stocked and comply with the health and safety (First Aid) regulations 1981.

Procedure for a minor injury or illness

- The first aider on the session will decide upon the appropriate action to take if a child becomes ill or suffers a minor injury.
- If a child becomes ill during a session, the parent or carer will be asked to collect the child as soon as possible. Then the child will be kept comfortable and will be closely monitored and supervised while awaiting collection.

- If a child complains of illness which does not impair their overall well-being, the child will be monitored for the rest of the session, and the parent or carer will be notified when the child is collected.
- If a child suffers a minor injury, first aid will be administered, and the child will be monitored for the remainder of the session. If necessary, the child's parent or carer will be asked to collect the child as soon as possible.

Procedure for a major injury or serious illness

- In the event of a child becoming seriously ill or suffering a major injury, the first aider at the session will decide whether the child needs to go straight to the hospital or whether it is safe to wait for the parent or carer to arrive.
- If the child needs to go straight to hospital, we will call an ambulance, and a member of staff will go to the hospital with the child.
- We will contact the parents or carers with all urgency and if they are unavailable, we will call other emergency contacts that we have on file for the child.
- After a major incident, the manager and staff will review the events and consider whether any changes need to be made to the club's policies and procedures.
- We will notify Ofsted and Child Protection agencies in the event of any serious accident, injury, illness or death of a child in our care as soon as reasonably possible and within 14 days at the latest.
- We will notify HSE (Health and Safety Executive) under RIDDOR in the case of a death or major injury on the premises eg: broken limb, amputation, dislocation, See the HSE website for a full list of reportable injuries
<https://www.hse.gov.uk/riddor/reportable-incidents.htm>

Infection Control

Hand hygiene is one of the most important ways of controlling the spread of infections, especially those that children are especially susceptible to. We will ensure access to soap, warm water and paper towels are available at all times. In the case where this is not possible, alcohol hand gel can be used.

All children will be reminded to wash their hands after using the toilet, before eating and handling food, and at other times necessary.

The toilets are cleaned daily to ensure a safe and healthy environment.

Communicable diseases and conditions

If a case of head lice is found at the Club, the child's parents or carers will be discreetly informed when they collect their child. Other parents will be warned to check their own children for head lice, but care will be taken not to identify the child affected.

If an infectious or communicable disease is detected on the Club's premises, we will inform parents and carers as soon as possible.

If there is an incident of food poisoning affecting two or more children looked after at the Club, the Manager will inform Ofsted as soon as possible and within 14 days at the latest.

If there is an outbreak of a notifiable disease at the Club, we will inform Public Health England, Ofsted and RIDDOR (if appropriate)

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/public-health-england>

RIDDOR incident contact number: 0845 300 99 23

<https://www.hse.gov.uk/riddor/>

Ofsted: 0300 123 1231

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/childcare-reporting-childrens-accidents-and-injuries>

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Written in accordance with the Statutory Framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage (2024): Safeguarding and Welfare Requirements: Suitable people: [3.9 – 3.15], Paediatric First Aid: [3.29 – 3.32], Health: [3.5 – 3.54], Safety and suitability of premises environment and equipment: [3.62 – 3.63]

Minimum exclusion periods for infectious conditions and diseases

*Denotes a notifiable disease

Disease / Condition	Exclusion Period
Chicken Pox	At least 5 days from onset of rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Cold Sores	None. Avoid contact with sores
Conjunctivitis	Until discharge from eyes has stopped
Covid-19	Should not attend if displaying high temperature and are unwell. Positive test-3 days after day of test
Diphtheria *	Exclusion essential- consult HSE
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after last episode of either
Flu or similar	Until recovered
Glandular Fever	None
Gastro-enteritis, E-coli, Food Poisoning, Salmonella and Dysentery	48 hours after last episode

Hand Foot and Mouth	Until fever has gone, no need to wait until blisters have dried
Head Lice	None
Hepatitis A*, B* and C *	7 days after onset
High Temperature	24 hours
Impedigo	Until lesions are crusted and healed, or 48 hours after starting antibiotic
Influenza	Until recovered
Measles*	4 days from onset of rash and well enough
Meningitis*	Until recovered
Mumps*	5 days from onset of swollen glands
Pertussis (whooping Cough) *	5 days from commencing antibiotic or 21 days from the onset of antibiotics not given
Ringworm	Exclusion not usually required
Rubella (German Measles)*	4 days from onset of rash
Scabies	Until first treatment has been given
Scarlet Fever*	24 hours after starting antibiotic treatment
Slapped Cheek	None (once rash has developed)
Threadworms	None
Tonsillitis	None
Tuberculosis*	Consult HSE
Typhoid *	48 hours after last episode
Warts including Verruca	None. Verruca sufferers should keep feet covered