



Illness and Infectious Diseases

It is our policy to keep children safe when they are in our care, promote good health and take necessary steps to prevent the spread of infection within our childcare setting and while we are off site.

If there is a child in our setting who becomes ill whilst in our care, or whom we believe has an infectious illness or disease (for example a severe cold or stomach upset) we will;

- Contact the parents as agreed to arrange for the immediate collection of the child
- Remove the child from their peers and accompany them to the first aid room
- Ensure the child is excluded from our setting until they have been well for a full day.

If we believe a child in our setting is suffering from a notifiable disease, identified as such in the Public Health (Infectious Diseases) Regulations 1988, we will act on advice given by Public Health England (details of which can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/public-health-england>) and inform Ofsted of any action taken.

We make parents aware of our sickness exclusion policy and keep a record of the arrangements for the exclusion of a child should they become ill whilst in our setting.

We will inform the parents of the other children in our setting if a child we care for has a diagnosed infectious disease.



Guidance on what to do in the case of serious accidents, illness or death

Ofsted Guidance

Registered providers must notify OFSTED or the childminding agency with which they are registered of any serious accident, illness, injury or death of any child while in their care, and of the action taken. Notification must be made as soon as is reasonably practicable, but in any event within 14 days of the incident occurring. A registered provider, who, without reasonable excuse, fails to comply with this requirement, commits an offence. **Providers must also notify the Local Authority Designated officer (LADO). In East Sussex we recommend you do this at the same time.** Providers must act on advice from the LADO. (*Statutory Framework for the EYFS, September 2014*)

LADO Guidance

Details about the incident must be provided, including where, when and how the incident happened. Personal details, for example the name and age of the child or children involved, and details of any other people involved must be given to the LADO. You may be asked to put the information in writing. A record of all information given, whether by telephone or in writing, will be kept on record. This information may be shared with other agencies that have duties in relation to the incident, such as local authority environmental health departments.

If you are on the Early Years Register you are committing an offence by not notifying Ofsted within 14 days, unless you have a reasonable excuse.

If you are on the Childcare Register, it is not an offence, but failing to notify Ofsted would be taken into account in making any decisions about your continued registration, if it was brought to Ofsted's attention.

You must notify OFSTED and the LADO about:

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- The death of a child whilst in your care, or later, as a result of something that happened while the child was in your care
- Death or serious accident or serious injury to any other person on your premises (Childcare Register only)
- Serious injuries (please see the section below for the definition of serious injuries)
- Where a child in your care needs to go to Accident and Emergency Department of a hospital (and requires hospitalisation for more than 24 hours), either directly from your provision or later, as the result of something that happened while the child was in your care
- Any significant event that is likely to affect your suitability to care for children

Serious injuries are defined as:

- Broken bones or a fracture
- Loss of consciousness
- Pain that is not relieved by simple pain killers
- Acute confused state
- Persistent, severe chest pain or breathing difficulties
- Amputation
- Dislocation of any major joint including the shoulder, hip, knee, elbow, or spine
- Loss of sight (temporary or permanent)
- Chemical or hot metal burn to the eye or any penetrating injury to the eye
- Injury resulting from an electric shock or electrical burn leading to unconsciousness, or requiring resuscitation or admittance to hospital for more than 24 hours
- Any injury leading to hypothermia, head-induced illness, unconsciousness, requiring resuscitation, or requiring admittance to hospital for more than 24 hours
- Unconsciousness caused by asphyxia or exposure to harmful substance or biological agent
- Medical treatment or loss of consciousness arising from absorption of any substance by inhalation, ingestion or through the skin

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- Medical treatment where there is reason to believe that this resulted from exposure a biological agent, or its toxins, or infected material.

Please note this is not a fully comprehensive list. East Sussex County Council advice is to notify Ofsted and the LADO if you are in any doubt.

You are not required to inform Ofsted of minor injuries, but you must keep a record of these incidents. You are also not required to inform Ofsted of general appointments to hospital or routine treatment by a doctor (such as the child's general practitioner) that is not linked to, or is not a consequence of, a serious accident or injury.

Minor injuries are defined as:

- Sprains, strains and bruising
- Cuts and grazes
- Wound infections
- Minor burns and scalds
- Minor head injuries
- Insect and animal bites
- Minor eye injuries
- Minor injuries to the back, shoulder and chest.

Advice from East Sussex County Council Early Years Improvement Team (EYIT) and East Sussex County Council Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO).

For any further advice and guidance on any safeguarding issues in the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) please contact the EYIT on 01323 463026.

For any LADO advice please contact 01323 466606

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