



04 Health procedures

04.05a Infection control

Good practice infection control is paramount in early years settings. Young children's immune systems are still developing, and therefore children are more susceptible to illness.

Prevention

- At Jigsaw Preschool, we minimise contact with individuals who are unwell by ensuring that those who have symptoms of an infectious illness do not attend settings and stay at home for the recommended exclusion time.
- Washing hands thoroughly is paramount and implemented more often when there is an infection outbreak.
- Ensure good respiratory hygiene amongst children and staff is promoted by the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach.
- Appropriate PPE is worn when necessary.

Response to an infection outbreak

- We manage confirmed cases of a contagious illness by following the guidance from the [UK Health Security Agency \(UKHSA\)](#)

Informing others

Early years providers have a duty to inform Ofsted of any serious accidents, illnesses or injuries as follows:

- anything that requires resuscitation
- admittance to hospital for more than 24 hours
- a broken bone or fracture
- dislocation of any major joint, such as the shoulder, knee, hip or elbow
- any loss of consciousness
- severe breathing difficulties, including asphyxia
- anything leading to hypothermia or heat-induced illness

In some circumstances this may include a confirmed case of a Notifiable Disease in the setting, if it meets the criteria defined by Ofsted. Diagnosis of a notifiable disease can only be done by a clinician/ GP or Doctor. Once a diagnosis is confirmed, we will liaise with the UKHSA for further advice as necessary.