

GALLOPING GUMNUT MOBILE CHILDREN'S SERVICES VAN INC

UNWELL CHILDREN/STAFF POLICY

POLICY:

To ensure appropriate care of unwell persons.

STRATEGY:

1. Appropriate treatment will be administered.
2. Supervising staff have the right to refuse children entry to the service if they show any signs of illness.
3. If a child becomes unwell during the day the parents will be contacted or the emergency contact person.
4. An unwell staff member may be requested to leave their place of work by supervising staff.
5. Children suffering from vomiting and/or diarrhoea are to be excluded from the service for 24 hours after experiencing either of the abovementioned.
6. Children with Head lice to be excluded from the service until they have been treated and checked.
7. Children showing obvious signs of distress, such as: crying puffy eyes, screaming, miserable, refuse to be put down, difficulty breathing, favouring a limb, bites itchy or stinging will be excluded from the service.

PROCEDURES:

1. A child/staff may be requested to leave a centre for the following reasons:
 - Any area covered in the Infectious Diseases Policy.
 - If the person shows obvious signs of being unwell or not able to participate in the daily routine.
2. Parent/Emergency Contact Person to be contacted.
3. If there is an elevated temperature, remove excess clothing and give tepid sponge.
4. Panadol will only be given with parent's permission after the above step has been taken, or by verbal agreement by the child's doctor, in the absence of the parent, after the above steps have been taken.
5. When a child needs immediate attention administer first aid, call an ambulance and notify parents. A staff member is to accompany the child and take relevant details.

RELATED DOCUMENTS:

- Infectious Diseases Policy

EVALUATING:

The Management Committee will review this Policy bi-annually.