

Sickness and Illness Policy

At Fundamental Movement Academy (FMA) we promote the good health of all children attending. To help keep children healthy and minimise infection, we do not expect children to attend the academy if they are unwell. In these circumstances FMA will offer an alternative day for your child to attend.

Our procedures

In order to take appropriate action of children who become ill and to minimise the spread of infection we implement the following procedures:

- If a child becomes ill during the day, we contact their parent(s) and ask them to pick up their child as soon as possible.
- We follow the guidance given to us by Public Health England (Health Protection In Schools and other childcare facilities) and advice from our local health protection unit on exclusion times for specific illnesses, e.g. sickness and diarrhoea, measles and chicken pox, to protect other children.
- Should a child have an infectious disease, such as sickness and diarrhoea, they must not return to the academy until they have been clear for at least 48 hours. We inform all parents if there is a contagious infection identified during their session, to enable them to spot the early signs of this illness. We thoroughly clean and sterilise all equipment and resources that may have come into contact with a contagious child to reduce the spread of infection
- We do NOT administer any medication including any that may have been prescribed by a doctor e.g. antibiotics.
- We have the right to refuse admission to a child who is unwell. This decision will be taken by the manager on duty and is non-negotiable
- **COVID-19, children showing symptoms will be isolated and will be collected immediately. Staff will use PPE to ensure safety and all surfaces will be disinfected. Exclusion from the academy for 14 days.**

Meningitis procedure

If a parent informs the academy that their child has meningitis, the manager will contact the Local Area Infection Control Nurse. We will follow all guidance given and notify any of the appropriate authorities including Ofsted if necessary.

Transporting children to hospital procedure

The manager/staff member must:

- Call for an ambulance immediately if the illness is severe. DO NOT attempt to transport the sick child in your own vehicle
- Whilst waiting for the ambulance, contact the parent(s) and arrange to meet them at the academy if this possible, if this is not possible (because parent would not get to academy before the ambulance) then meet them at the designated hospital.
- Redeploy staff if necessary to ensure there is adequate staff deployment to care for the remaining children. This may mean temporarily grouping some additional children together.
- Arrange for the most appropriate member of staff to accompany the child taking with them any relevant information such as registration forms with their personal information.
- Inform a member of the management team immediately
- Remain calm at all times. Children who witness an incident may well be affected by it and may need lots of reassurance. Staff may also require additional support following the accident.

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