

# The Den



## Illness and Accidents

At The Den we will deal promptly and effectively with any illnesses or injuries that occur while children are in our care. We take all practical steps to keep staff and children safe from communicable diseases.

All parents or carers must complete the **Medical Form** when their child joins The Den, requesting permission for emergency medical treatment for their child in the event of a serious accident or illness and this is kept in the child's file in a locked filing cabinet within the clubhouse.

We will record any accidents or illnesses, together with any treatment given, on an Accident/Incident form as appropriate, which the parent or carer will be asked to sign when they collect the child, and this will be kept in the child's file which is kept in a locked filing cabinet within the clubhouse.

The Den cannot accept children who are ill. If any children are ill when they first arrive, The Den we will immediately notify their parents or carers to come and collect them. Any children who have been ill should not return The Den until they have fully recovered, or until after the minimum exclusion period has expired (see table at the end of this policy).

### First aid

The Den's First Aiders are Pauline Barritt, Philip Barritt, Shirley Wingate, and Karen Pegg. All First Aiders hold current first aid certificate and has attended a 12-hour paediatric first aid course. (Original certificates have been seen and photocopied by the manager and a copy is kept in the member of staff's file which is kept in a locked filing cabinet within the clubhouse and can be seen upon request). The Den ensures that there is always a qualified first aider present and available when The Den is running. New members of staff will also receive first aid training when the training courses are available, and it is convenient for the staff to attend. We will consider the number of children and layout of the premises to ensure that first aiders are able to respond quickly to any incident.

The location of the first aid box (which is on the wall in the main room by the sinks) and a list of qualified first aiders are clearly displayed by the first aid box. The designated First Aider regularly checks the contents of the first aid box to ensure that they are up to date, appropriate for children and comply with the Health and Safety (First Aid) Regulations 1981.

The manager will ensure that a first aid kit is taken on all outings and that at least one member of staff on the outing holds a current paediatric first aid certificate.

### Procedure for a minor injury or illness

The first aider at 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. The child will be kept comfortable and will be closely supervised while awaiting collection.

- If a child complains of illness which does not impair their overall wellbeing, 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 hospital or whether it is safe to wait for their 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. The staff member will take the child's **Medical Form** with them and will consent to any necessary treatment (as approved by the parents on the **Medical Form**).
- We will contact the child's parents or carers with all urgency, and if they are unavailable, we will call the 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 Den's policies or procedures.
- We will notify Ofsted and child protection agencies in the event of any serious accident or injury to a child in our care as soon as reasonably possible and within 7 days at the latest.
- We will notify HSE under RIDDOR in the case of a death or major injury on the premises (eg broken limb, amputation, dislocation, etc - see the HSE website for a full list of reportable injuries).

### **Communicable diseases and conditions**

If a case of head lice is found at The Den, the child's parents or carers will be discreetly informed when they collect the 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 Den'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 Den the Manager will inform Ofsted as soon as possible and within 7 days at the latest.

If there is an outbreak of a notifiable disease at The Den, we will inform the local health protection unit, HSE under RIDDOR (if appropriate), and Ofsted.

### **Useful contacts**

Health Protection Unit: 0844 255 3560

Ofsted: 0300 123 1231

RIDDOR Incident Contact Unit: 0845 300 99 23

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Written in accordance with the *Statutory Framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage (2021): Safeguarding and Welfare Requirements: Accident or injury [3.50-3.51] and Food and drink [3.49]*  
Also complies with *Keeping Children safe in education (2022)*

## Minimum exclusion periods for infectious conditions and diseases.

Disease/Condition	Exclusion period
Chicken Pox	5 days from first appearance of rash
Cold Sores	None. Avoid contact with sores
Conjunctivitis	24 hours or until the discharge from eyes has stopped
Diphtheria*	Until certified well by doctor
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after symptoms cleared
Glandular Fever	Until fully recovered
Gastro-enteritis, E. Coli, Food Poisoning, Salmonella and Dysentery	Until certified well by doctor
Hand, Foot and Mouth disease	While rash and ulcers are present
Hepatitis A*	Until certified well
Hepatitis B* and C*	None
High temperature	24 hours
HIV/AIDS	None
Impetigo	Until the skin has healed
Influenza	Until recovered
Measles*	5 days from onset of rash
Meningitis*	Until recovered
Molluscum Contagiosum	None
Mumps*	5 days from onset of swollen glands
Pediculosis (lice)	Until treatment has been given
Pertussis* (Whooping cough)	21 days from the onset or 5 days from commencing antibiotic treatment
Poliomyelitis	Until certified well by doctor
Ringworm of scalp	Until cured
Ringworm of the body	Until treatment has been given
Rubella* (German Measles)	5 days from onset of rash
Scabies	Until treatment has been given
Scarlet fever*	5 days from start of the treatment
Slapped Cheek, Fifth Disease	None
Streptococcal infection of the throat	3 days from the start of the treatment
Threadworms	None
Tonsillitis	None
Tuberculosis*	Until certified well by doctor
Typhoid*, Paratyphoid*	Until certified well by doctor
Warts (including Verruca)	None. Verruca sufferers should keep feet covered

\* Denotes a notifiable disease.

If in any doubt, contact local health services for further information.