



Caterpillars Pre-School

Health Policy

July 2024

4.0 Health policy

Alongside associated procedures in 04.1-04.7 Health, this policy was adopted by Caterpillars preschool in October 2024

Aim

Our provision is a suitable, clean, and safe place for children to be cared for, where they can grow and learn. They meet all statutory requirements for promoting health and hygiene and fulfil the criteria for meeting the relevant Early Years Foundation Stage Safeguarding and Welfare requirements.

Objectives

We promote health through:

- ensuring emergency and first aid treatment is given where necessary
- ensuring that medicine necessary to maintain health is given correctly and in accordance with legal requirements
- identifying allergies and preventing contact with the allergenic substance
- identifying food ingredients that contain recognised allergens and displaying this information for parents
- promoting health through taking necessary steps to prevent the spread of infection and taking appropriate action when children are ill
- promoting healthy lifestyle choices through diet and exercise
- supporting parents right to choose complementary therapies
- recognising the benefits of baby and child massage, by parents or staff carrying out massage under conditions that maintain the personal safety of children
- pandemic flu planning or illness outbreak management as per DfE and World Health Organisation (WHO) guidance

Legal references

Medicines Act (1968)

Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations 2013 (RIDDOR)

Control of Substances Hazardous to Health (COSHH) Regulations (2002)

Health and Safety (First Aid) Regulations 1981

Food Information Regulations 2014

Policies & Procedures for the EYFS 2024 (Early Years Alliance 2024)

Further guidance

[Accident Record](#) (Alliance Publication)

This policy was adopted by	Caterpillars Pre-School Management Committee
In	October 2024
Date to be reviewed	July 2025
Signed on behalf of the provider	
Name of Signatory	Amber Pullen
Role of Signatory (e.g. Chair, Director, Owner)	Chair