

### Sick child policy

Parents are asked to keep their children at home if they have any infection, and to inform Mogghill as to the nature of the infection so that they can alert other parents, and make careful observations of any child who seems unwell.

Parents are asked not to bring into the preschool any child who has been vomiting or had diarrhoea until at least 48 hours has elapsed since the last attack.

If the children of preschool staff are unwell, they will not accompany their parents/carers to work in the preschool.

Cuts or open sores, whether on adults or children, will be covered with sticking plaster or other dressing.

If a child is on prescribed medicine the following procedures will be followed:

- If possible, the child's parents will administer medicine. If not, then medicine must be clearly labeled with child's name, dosage and any instructions.
- Written instructions will be obtained from the parent, giving clear instructions about the dosage, administration of the medication, and permission for a member of staff to follow the instructions.
- All medications will be kept in a lockable cupboard.
- A medication book will be available to log in: name of child receiving medication; times that the medication should be administered; together with the signature of the person who has administered each dose.

Mogghill Nursery will ensure that the first aid equipment is kept clean, replenished and replaced as necessary. Sterile items will be kept sealed in their packages until needed.

Parents will have the opportunity to discuss health issues with Mogghill staff and will have access to information available to the nursery.

The preschool will maintain links with health visitors and gather health information and advice from the local health authority information services and/or other health agencies.

If a child becomes unwell during a session, the parent/carer is immediately informed and asked to collect the child and take him/her home. While awaiting the parent the child is kept comfortable and reassured, and in a quiet area away from the other children with a member of staff.