



Safeguarding children

1.17.1 Flu: policy and procedures

Policy statement

During a flu outbreak, School House Nursery will continue to operate as normal, while remaining alert to any child exhibiting flu-like symptoms.

Any child or member of staff who may have flu should stay at home and medical advice should be sought.

There may be circumstances where local authorities advise individual nurseries to close temporarily in order to contain the spread of infection or because there are high numbers of swine flu cases among children and/or staff. Unless we are advised to close on health grounds, or unless we judge that there are too few staff to guarantee pupil safety, we will always stay open.

Procedures

- Any child who falls sick at nursery will be occupied and supervised in a separate room until a parent or carer can collect them.
- Any staff members who are showing signs of infection will be sent home.
- Cover staff will be contacted to maintain ratios.
- Hygiene measures are in place to reduce the risk of infection – washing hands before preparing and eating food and after using the toilet or changing nappies.
- Surfaces, doors handles and equipment will be disinfected regularly.
- Tissues will be disposed of in a plastic bag before putting in the waste bin.
- Further guidance from East Sussex County Council will be distributed to parents if necessary.
- We will provide any information about the setting as requested by our local authority.
- The owners will decide if the nursery needs to close based on advice from the local authority and Health Protection Agency.

This policy was updated and reviewed on:

Review date	Name	Signature
September 2025	Stuart Watt	

