

# Teddy Bear Day Care Sheppey LTD



## Strep A Nursery Policy 2023-2024

## Aim

The aim of this policy is to make sure all staff and parents know what to do when we suspect a case of Strep A or a child becomes sick. This policy will outline any guidance at the time of publishing and will be updated when the CDC, DEF Ofsted, and the UKHSA update our guidance.

How could I catch Group A Streptococcus?

Many people carry Group A Strep harmlessly and do not develop the illness. It can be passed from person to person through close contact such as kissing or skin contact. Most people who come into contact with Group A Strep remain well and symptom-free, while some get mild throat or skin infections. Contracting an invasive disease from a relative or household member is very rare. You can reduce the risk of picking up Group A Strep by always washing your hands thoroughly. Pregnant women or those having gynecology treatments are advised to wash their hands before and after going to the toilet. It is also important to dispose of tissues after use and to wash your hands when you have a cough or cold.

What are the symptoms?

Group A Strep can cause throat infection, scarlet fever or skin infections such as cellulitis or impetigo. These infections are usually treated with antibiotics. Very rarely it can cause severe illness when the bacteria get into parts of the body that are usually free from bacteria such as the lungs, blood or muscles. This is called invasive Group A Streptococcal disease. Invasive disease happens when the bacteria get past your body's immune defences. This can happen when you are already ill or are on treatments, such as some cancer treatments, that affect your immune system. Two of the most severe types of invasive disease are necrotising fasciitis and toxic shock syndrome.

### **We aim to help lower transmission by**

- Continue to check children's temperatures when they become unwell and log them on Family

- Send children home with the agreement of the manager when we think they will be unwell
- Ask children to stay at home for 48 hours when they have symptoms and to seek advice from a GP or 111.

### **Staff Will**

- Clean the toilets at 30 minute intervals
- In Key groups staff will practice hand washing
- Clean surfaces more often
- Steam clean at the end of the day
- Use the Orcon system to help clean the air from the top of the room.
- Use the air cleaning system on a medium setting.
- Use antibacterial wipes when needed to spot clean toys and surfaces.
- Use Milton spray to disinfect all areas

### **Parents will**

- Follow this policy
- Call the nursery if they think their child has Strep A
- Follow advice from the GP or 111
- Use the hand cleaning station on arrival
- Keep children at home if they are unwell

### **Seeking advice**

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### **Reporting a case**

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