

Sudden Infant Death Policy

To be reviewed Annually.

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SUDDEN INFANT DEATH SYNDROME PROCEDURE

1. Staff member to make an appropriate assessment on finding a collapsed child. Shout for help as per Paediatric Training guidance. Resuscitation is then started.

RESUSCITATION SHOULD COMMENCE IMMEDIATELY IF CHILD IS NOT BREATHING (5 breaths, 30 compressions). Wherever possible someone to support resuscitation. Continue with 2 breaths, 30 compressions. Get help if no-one comes to support.

2. Whistle to be blown and panic alarm to be pressed by whoever responds to the shout for help.
3. When the whistle is blown and panic alarm to be pressed, first staff member who responds **MUST** dial 999 for an ambulance (add 9 for an outside line). She/he must then immediately inform a member of the Leadership Team.
4. A member of the Leadership Team will instruct a staff member to go outside the school/centre and guide the ambulance onto the nursery premises. Members of staff/Leadership Team will not accompany the child in the ambulance but confirm with the ambulance crew which hospital the child will be taken to.
5. Once it has been established which hospital the child will be taken to, a member of the Leadership Team will contact the parents/Social Worker (if one is involved)/Team Manager and Children's Services Team about the incident. If the family does not have a Social Worker the Duty Team Manager should be informed in order to ensure they are able to get to the hospital, and make arrangements for other children within the family. The Leadership Team member will telephone the safeguarding unit if the child has a child protection plan.
6. The nursery team should remove the remaining children from the room ensuring the room is left as it was prior to the incident i.e., cot, bed, windows etc and other relevant rooms i.e. laundry. Leadership Team to lock the laundry room. Remaining children should be reassured, comforted and continue with nursery activities.
7. Once the Leadership Team cover at the nursery has been arranged, the Headteacher/member of the Leadership Team should follow the ambulance to the hospital with the staff member who raised the alarm taking the child's file and other relevant information (sleep chart, medication record etc.)
8. **AT THE HOSPITAL:** Nursery staff should remain at the hospital until they are directed otherwise by Social Worker or Police Officer. The child's file should remain with the Social Worker.

9. AT THE NURSERY: A room should be made available for use by Social Worker, Police, Staff or parents/carers.
10. As soon as possible, all staff involved should complete a written report with regard to the incident. The Leadership Team will ensure that all of the information about the incident is recorded and forwarded to the Local Authority. A copy of the report will remain on file in the nursery.
11. All staff especially those with responsibility for laundry are to be made aware that parents may want their children's clothes before they are washed. The Police may also need to see the clothing as part of the investigation.
12. All staff will be informed of the outcome of the situation when it is appropriate (even staff on leave/off sick).
13. The Leadership Team will ensure that all the child's belongings i.e. clothing, toys, artwork etc are returned to the parent/carer at the first relevant opportunity.
14. The Leadership Team will request via the Local Authority, relevant counselling/ training and support for all staff/parents and children who request it.
15. The Leadership Team will evaluate the incident through on going staff discussion/supervision and staff meetings where appropriate.

This procedure is discussed annually with staff who work with children on a daily basis. Link to Bereavement Policy, agreed September 2018.

Policy review

This policy was reviewed by a group of five Governors on behalf of the Curriculum, Children and Family Committee on Tuesday 1st October 2019 and ratified at the Governing Body meeting of Everton Nursery School and Family Centre Governing Body on Thursday 10th October 2019.