

Sickness, Ill, or infectious children/infection control

1. Purpose of this document

Boom Active is committed to ensuring the wellbeing of all those who participate in their activity programme. This document covers how the Boom Activity team deal with ill or infectious children, including infection control and administering medicine.

All Boom Active staff hold a valid first aid certificate. Any new staff members are expected to complete first aid training prior to leading on any Boom Active sessions.

2. Ill Children

A discussion between BAD (BAD) and a child's Parent/Carer will take place if the child arrives at a session feeling unwell. The decision to allow a child to participate when deemed unwell will sit with BAD and their decision will be final.

If a child becomes unwell during the session, the BAD will be notified immediately and the child will be given a safe and quiet place to sit. The BAD will contact the child's parent/carer immediately and will stay with the child until the parent/carer arrives.

If the child's illness worsens before the Parent/Carer arrives, the BAD will make the decision to seek medical advice and where necessary will call an ambulance.

An incident form will be completed and signed. A record will be given to the Parent/Carer to take home.

3. Adminstrating Medicine

Medication will never be given without written consent of the parent/carer, which will include frequency, dosage, any potential side effects and any other pertinent information. This information will be collated on the Boom Active Medication form. A member of staff will be assigned to administer medication or witness self-administration for each individual child concerned.

Each parent/carer is responsible for ensuring the medication is properly labelled, it should be in its original container with the pharmaceutical label that includes the child's name, the date, the type of medicine and the dosage.

When administering the medicine another member of staff acts as a witness to ensure that the correct dosage is given, both staff members and the Parent/carer sign the Medication Form at the end of the session to acknowledge that the medication has been given.

If for any reason a child refuses to take their medication, staff will not attempt to force them to do so against their wishes. If and when such a situation occurs, the BAD will be notified and will then contact the child's parent/carer to agree best course of action.

All medication will be stored with the BAD.

4. Infection control

Boom Active recognises that infection can spread quickly amongst children and will endeavour to ensure infections are controlled and good health and hygiene is maintained.

Boom Active operates a 48hr exclusion period for anyone who has had sickness and diarrhoea. Parents/carers are asked not to send their child to a boom active session if they have experienced sickness or diarrhoea in the last 48hrs.

If a child appears to have a sickness bug during a session, a thorough deep clean of all equipment will be undertaken once said session has finished.

If a parent/carer notifies the BAD after their child has attended a session and informs the BAD that their child has contracted a notifiable disease, the BAD will contact the Health Protection Agency and Ofsted as per guidance.