

Ardtornish Children's Centre health and medication

Health

If your child is showing signs of being unwell before coming to the Children's Centre, it is important to keep them home for the day. Children who have diarrhoea or are vomiting must be kept home for at least 24 hours after the last episode.

Please notify staff immediately should your child contract an infectious disease. Please ring and consult with an educator about the appropriate exclusion period.

Should any child become unwell at the Children's Centre, parents or people nominated by parents will be contacted.

Parents/caregivers must collect unwell children as soon as possible after phone contact to minimise the spread of infection and the risk to other children and staff.

Medication

Educators cannot legally administer any medication (including ointments/Panadol/ over the counter medicine bought at the Chemist without a prescription) unless the appropriate forms have been completed and signed by a doctor (including asthma medication).

If your child requires medication, the medication must be supplied in the original container, clearly marked with the child's name, dosage and the use by date. Please ask a staff member for the necessary forms. Children with allergies and other long-term health issues may require medication to be held at the Children's Centre for use in emergency situations.

Medication plans will need to be updated at least annually. If your child has special dietary requirements, a medical practitioner will need to provide a Health Care Plan or Eating and Drinking Care Plan.

DO NOT leave medication in children's bags. Please pass medication to an educator with the relevant consent form. Medication can be collected from the first aid storage unit where it is only accessible by staff.

First aid

All minor injuries will be treated by staff and reported to parents/caregivers. Where an injury/illness report has been completed, the parent/caregiver will be asked to sign the report, preferably on the day of the incident where possible. All head injuries, including minor head bumps, will be reported to families immediately by phone.