

Health & Safety

If children are unwell they should not attend Kindergarten or Child Care. Not only will the child be unable to participate happily, it is unfair to the other children and adults to be exposed unnecessarily to viral and bacterial infections. Your child is safer and can be best looked after at home.

If a child is sick and unable to attend parents are asked to telephone the Centre and inform them about their child's illness. The Centre does not have facilities to look after sick children; if your child becomes unwell we will call you or your emergency contact. Please arrange to have your child collected as soon as possible if you are notified that they are sick. You will be provided with an Illness Notification Form when your child is collected to provide you with information of your child's symptoms etc. Please ensure your emergency contact details are up to date.

Where a child has an infectious disease such as chickenpox, German measles or whooping cough, the Department of Human Services, Communicable Disease Control section can advise of the minimum exclusion time from Kindergarten, Childcare, and Playgroup. Telephone 82267177. A current copy is at the end of this section, or you can visit <http://www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/YouveGotWhat>

If a child has a temperature of 38.0 °C or higher, staff will inform the family or emergency contact and request the child to be collected as soon as possible. If the condition of the child deteriorates before arrival of the parent or emergency contact, at the discretion of the senior staff member, an ambulance will be called. Attempts will be made to further contact the parent or emergency contact.

Circumstances where medical assistance via an ambulance will be sought include:

- spiking temperature reaching 40 °C,
- prolonged asthma attack according to asthma foundation guidelines,
- fit or convulsion according to senior first aid guidelines,
- fall with potential broken bones, or major bleeding,
- uncontrolled bleeding,
- period of unconsciousness,
- chest pain,
- prolonged breathing difficulty.

We realise from time to time that it will be necessary to give your child medication. Any prescription or over the counter medication (including Panadol and cough syrup) requires the following:

- to be contained in its original packaging
- to be within the expiry date
- a dispensing label with the child as the prescribed person and the dosage amounts and requirements

Please be aware we will not administer Panadol without a prescription. You will need to fill in a Medication Permission Form and get a qualified staff members' signature at time of drop off.

Medicine will only be administered by a qualified staff member and will be checked by a second staff member prior to administration. If there are any other products you would like staff to use for your child there is a Product Advice Form that you will need to fill in. This is for over the counter products such as nappy creams or specific sunscreen. These products can be used by all staff.

Minor accidents are recorded on a report sheet, which parents must sign. You will be notified of any minor accidents by way of a "Please See Staff" on the attendance sheet (child care) or a note in your pocket (kindy).

Parents are encouraged to keep their child's immunisation up to date. A record of the child's current immunisation status will be kept at the Centre. **No Government rebate is provided for children who are not immunised.** Children who are not immunised will be excluded from the Centre during outbreaks of some infectious diseases in accordance with the National Health and Medical Research Council Exclusion Guidelines, even if a child is well. These guidelines are as follows:

Infections and Disease

Disease	Incubation Period	Period of Exclusion from Centre
Chicken Pox (Varicella)	14-21 days	Excluded until all blisters have dried. This is usually at least 5 days after the rash first appeared in unimmunised children and less in immunised children.
Diarrhoea		It can be contagious. The Centre reserves the right to ask that a child can be removed immediately after 2 consecutive diarrhoea motions. Exclude for 24 hours after return of normal bowel motion.
Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease		Excluded until all blisters have dried.
Head Lice		Excluded until effective treatment has been given and hair is free of nits.
High Temperature		The Centre will not accept children with a high temperature – it is usually an indication that something is wrong. A child may convulse when the temperature is above 39°C.
Impetigo (School Sores)		Excluded until sores are healed, unless they can be kept covered with a watertight dressing or until a Medical Certificate of recovery is produced.
Infectious Hepatitis	14-60 days	Excluded until Medical Certificate is produced.
Measles	10-14 days	Excluded at least 4 days from appearance of rash.
Meningococcus		Excluded until Medical Certificate of recovery is produced.
Mumps	14-21 days	Excluded at least 9 days from the appearance of rash or until swelling goes down (whichever is sooner)
Rotavirus infection		Children are to be excluded from the centre until there has not been a loose bowel motion or vomiting for 24 hours.
Rubella (German Measles)		Excluded until fully recovered or for at least 4 days from the onset of the rash.
Scabies		Excluded until Medical Certificate of recovery produced.
Vomiting		The Centre reserves the right to exclude a child that has vomited once. Vomiting can lead to the spread

		of infection and dehydration. Children can return if vomit-free for 24 hours.
Whooping Cough		Excluded 4 weeks, or until Medical Certificate of recovery produced.

If any child in the Centre contracts such a disease specific details are displayed on the notice board in the foyer, see staff for further information.

The Centre uses recommended guidelines from Staying Healthy in Childcare.