

# Craigmore Kindergarten's

## Sick Children Policy



### Link to National Quality Standards

- 2.1 Each child's health is promoted.
- 2.1.1 Each child's health needs are supported.
- 2.1.4 Steps are taken to control the spread of infectious diseases and to manage injuries and illness, in accordance with recognised guidelines.

**Craigmore Kindergarten's Staff expect parent/carers to consider the comfort of their child and not send children to kindergarten when they have relatively mild conditions such as**

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- 'Green runny noses' (green mucus is infectious so please don't send your child to kindy if they have a green runny nose).
- Influenza and influenza like illnesses
- Earache
- Bladder infections
- Gastro-enteritis (vomiting, diarrhoea – particularly within the last 24 hours)
- Skin conditions requiring application of cream during session time
- When your child is on a course of antibiotics
- Conjunctivitis
- Head lice (until treated)
- And headache

If your child develops any of the above during session time, a staff member will contact you or an emergency contact and request the collection of the child.

For long term conditions requiring medication please discuss the child's needs with the Director as medication forms need to be completed and verified by the child's Doctor.

**Staff have the responsibility to the child, other children and Staff**, to request the exclusion of a child who we suspect is not well enough to attend kindergarten. Staff will make this decision based on information written within this Policy and ECD Policies and medical advice if necessary.

### Infectious Disease Policy

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Please let staff at the centre know if your child has a diagnosed infectious disease. Ask doctor for exclusion period or ring the Centre.

### Medication

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No medication will be given at all, including pain relievers, other than for long term conditions where a medication plan is provided by a doctor.

## **Asthma**

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Educators are trained in Asthma First Aid, however if your child has Asthma - a signed declaration by a Doctor (please see staff regarding this form) is needed for Educators to administer asthma medication.

In order to attend kindy, children diagnosed with Asthma must have: a care plan, reliever medication and a suitable spacer – all of which is to be either kept on site or handed to staff upon arrival each session.



## **Exclusion from Kindergarten activities**

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If your child requires exclusion from a particular activity/area i.e. sandpit play, it is **up to you** to inform your child not to access that area, as staff are unable to constantly monitor or remind your child.