



# Dorothy Hughes Kindergarten



## Dealing with Infectious Diseases

Dorothy Hughes Kindergarten follows the recommended exclusion periods for infectious diseases that are outlined by the **National Health and Medical Research Council**. Information about 'outbreaks' of childhood diseases will be displayed on the door using a visual notice. It will also include things to be aware of e.g. signs, symptoms, incubation periods and any other relevant information.

Children and staff with infectious diseases are excluded from the Kindergarten in accordance with the **National Health and Medical Research Council** guidelines or upon other medical advice. A medical certificate may be required for a child or adult so they can recommence back at Kindy after contracting the infectious disease.

The Kindergarten asks to site a copy of each child's immunisation records in accordance with the Department procedures. In the event where there is an 'outbreak' of a preventable infectious disease for which the child is not immunised, the child will be excluded from Kindergarten for a period of time as determined by SA Health.

If a child becomes ill whilst at Kindergarten with a suspected infectious disease, Educators will follow relevant illness procedures. Incident notifications occur in accordance with **WHS Regulations** that are identified in the **DECD Infection Control Procedure document**.

### Educators at our Kindergarten

- Educators promote a high standard of cleanliness and hand hygiene practices.
- Educators will ensure appropriate protective equipment is provided where required.

### Education and Information

- The Centre keeps a copy of 'You've Got What' book which is kept onsite for Educators and parents to refer to as needed.

An information Fact Sheet will be available for parents when an outbreak occurs. This will include:

1. Description of the Disease
2. Incubation period
3. Infectious period
4. Adult responsibilities
5. Treatment
6. Relevant exclusion period
7. Any other relevant information related to the disease