

## **Dealing with Medical Conditions Policy & Procedure**

### **Sickness**

- At Kindergarten children & staff work closely together. Sickness can easily be transferred from one person to another.
- Please consider the spread of germs & the wellbeing of others. If your child is showing signs of being unwell before coming to kindergarten, it is important to keep them home for the day.
- Children who have a temperature, diarrhoea or are vomiting must be kept home for 24 hours after the last episode (staff will refer to the Government of South Australia resource booklet- "You've got what?" for further information). The aim is to reduce the chance of cross infection and to ensure children have time for a full recovery prior to kindy return.
- Should any child become unwell at preschool, parents/guardians will be contacted to collect them as soon as possible. Children will be supported by educators prior to going home.
- Usually, children requiring Paracetamol or pain medication are not well enough to attend kindergarten & should be kept at home.

### **Health Care Plans**

- Children with asthma, allergies and other long-term health issues will require a Health Care Plan to be completed by their doctor.
- Health Care Plans must be in place before children commence at kindergarten. Parents are responsible for providing updated Plan's, with medication that has a current expiry date.
- Children with significant health issues must be discussed with the Director to ensure the staff has completed the relevant support training.

*Administration of puffers, antihistamines, etc. must be in accordance with Health Care Plans.*

### **Medication**

- Staff do not administer paracetamol or routine 'pain' medication.
- If your child requires medication to be administered during kindergarten hours, the medication must be prescribed by a doctor, supplied in the original container, clearly marked with the child's name, dosage and the use by date. You will be required to sign a "Medication Record" form, to provide permission for staff to administer medication.
- All medication must be stored securely, out of reach of children. The administration of medication to children at the request of their parents is a task that requires attention to detail, meticulous record keeping, teamwork and common sense. It is a responsibility that must be taken seriously due to the potential health risks, and litigation issues that may arise as a result of incorrect administration.

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