

## **ILLNESS AND IMMUNISATION**

The preschool staff will care for your child should they become sick while at preschool. You or your emergency contact will be notified and requested to collect your child as soon as possible. You are encouraged to immunize your child against all diseases appropriate to their age.

Please do not bring your child to preschool if he/she has vomited or had diarrhea in the last 24 hours. As a general rule, children who are unwell should not come to preschool, even if they really want to – this decision needs to be the parents' – not the child's. We must ask you not to send your child if he or she has a cold or other infectious illness or condition. Children of this age do not have the consistent hygiene skills necessary to prevent the spread of infection. Included in the "Infectious" category are:

- colds (runny nose, coughing, temperature, lethargic)
- tonsillitis
- school sores
- head lice
- chicken pox
- conjunctivitis
- hand, foot and mouth disease

If ever you are not sure, ring the school. We have information here on all of the above and many other childhood health issues.