

Sick Children Policy

[Link to National Quality Standards](#)

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2.1.4 Steps are taken to control the spread of infectious diseases and to manage injuries and illness, in accordance with recognised guidelines.

To promote health and minimise the spread of infection within our preschool community it is expected that parent/carers consider the comfort of their child as well as the health and well being of others by not sending children to preschool when they have:

- Any symptoms consistent with Covid-19
- 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 Principal or teacher as a Health Care Plan will 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

Please let staff at the centre know if your child has a diagnosed infectious disease. Ask doctor for exclusion period or ring the Preschool/School for assistance with this.

Medication

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

Asthma and Anaphylaxis

Educators are trained in Asthma and Anaphylaxis First Aid, however if your child has

Asthma - a declaration and Health Care Plan signed by a Doctor is needed for Educators to administer asthma medication.

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

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