

Health and Safety Policy

Allergies/Medication

It is vital that staff are notified of any allergies, medical or physical conditions which may affect your child at preschool **and** that you provide us with an appropriate management plan.

Infectious Diseases

It is very important to inform the kindergarten if your child contracts an infectious illness so that precautions can be taken to prevent it spreading.

REMEMBER - It can happen to anyone, so please let us know!

Please consult with your medical practitioner regarding the length of time your child needs to be excluded from kindergarten.

Head Lice: Regular checking is necessary. Infested children cannot return until treatment has been carried out. Speak to staff about treatment options.

Standard Precautions:

Our Preschool has policies and practices in place to prevent cross infection of blood borne diseases including HIV and Hepatitis B & C (Universal Safety Precautions). All staff are qualified in First Aid training.

The children are taught about safe handling of blood at Preschool. The main points are:

- Blood can carry viruses that can make us very sick.
- All cuts/breaks in the skin need to be covered.
- It is not safe to handle someone else's blood.
- It is safe to handle your own blood. You can put your own hand on your own blood spill. Children are encouraged to apply their own bandaids as the need arises.
- Gloves must be worn when providing first aid to another person who has a cut/ blood spill.

Staff always use gloves in managing cuts, blood spills and bodily fluids.

The children are provided with the opportunity to become familiar with and use gloves in play situations e.g. a play hospital.

Before medication can be administered at kindergarten. Parents must complete the appropriate form. Medication must be prescribed for YOUR CHILD and clearly labelled with dosage and the child's name.

Please note:

For health and safety reasons we **are not able** to accept these things for use at the Preschool:

- toilet Paper Rolls
- laundry Powder Containers
- polystyrene Foam
- cat and Dog Food Containers
- medicine containers.