



## **SICK CHILDREN / INFECTIOUS DISEASES POLICY**

*The health and well being of children in the centre is of the highest priority.*

Sick children should not come to kindergarten. Instead, they need time and care to recover within a family environment. While we understand how difficult this can be for working parents, it is very important that sickness is not passed on to other children and staff members.

The purpose of this statement is to provide guidance as to when your child is likely to be infectious to others and therefore needs to be excluded from kindergarten.

This is likely to be when your child has:

- A temperature of 38C or higher
- Been vomiting in the last 24 hours
- Diarrhea
- A productive cough
- Conjunctivitis
- Coloured nasal mucous
- An undiagnosed rash
- Head Lice [until treated]
- Cold sores

The kindergarten has a list of infectious diseases and the DECD exclusion policy available for parents if you wish to find out more.

In the event of your child becoming ill at kindergarten, we will telephone you to collect your child.

**In Jan 2017** the “**Protecting children from vaccine preventable diseases procedure**,” came into force. It tasks sites to view and record children’s immunisation records and parents are asked to bring a copy of their child’s record at enrollment. This is a request only, if evidence is not provided, then the child will be recorded as not immunised. Homeopathic immunisation is not recognised as a valid vaccination option. Children receiving homeopathic immunisation will be recorded as non-immunised

If there is an occurrence of an infectious vaccine preventable disease (VPD) covered by the Childhood Immunisation Program at a service, then **a child who is recorded as non-immunised is to be excluded in accordance with the SA Health exclusion period guidelines.**