

Health and wellbeing

Attendance

Government preschools and schools in South Australia are committed to ensuring that children and students maximise their attendance at preschool and schools to gain optimum benefit from education. Ensuring regular attendance at preschool/school is a shared responsibility between parents/caregivers, preschools and schools. Research shows that success in learning is directly proportional to regular attendance and participation in education programs. Positive attendance patterns should be fostered with all children and students by all educators within the department. Preschool staff is responsible for the recording of kindergarten children's attendances/absences according to the Department's requirements.

At this kindergarten, we ask all parents to contact the kindergarten by phone/in person if you know that your child will be away for family reasons or is unwell. A follow-up notice will be placed in your kindy pockets should you forget to advise us of your child's absence. Of course, if your child is unwell common sense must always prevail, and it is always advisable to keep your child home – please just keep us informed!

Health

If your child is unwell prior to arriving it is in the best interests of other children to keep them home until they have fully recovered. Please inform us when your child has an infectious disease or skin infection:

- Chicken pox
- Measles
- Mumps
- School sores
- Head lice
- Conjunctivitis.

Any child who is running a temperature or showing any signs of being unwell must be kept home. Please keep children home for 24 hours after the last episode of any vomiting or diarrhoea to aid your child's recovery and to prevent the spread of infection.

In the event of your child becoming ill or having an accident at kindergarten, we will contact you or your indicated emergency contact person. In an emergency, staff will not hesitate to call an ambulance (at parent cost).

Please notify staff in writing of your child's allergies. Labelled medication for asthma and severe allergies are to be given to staff on arrival. A medication plan must be completed and signed by your doctor before staff can administer these medications. These forms are available from the director if required.

Emergency procedures

Please familiarise yourself with the evacuation plan displayed by every door in case you should be in the kindergarten during an emergency or during a fire drill.

Mandatory reporting

Staff are legally obliged to report any indication or incidence of child abuse that comes to our attention.