



Pre School ★

SICKNESS POLICY

Rationale:

Staff will take responsibility for the health and well being of all children in the Centre. Exclusion of children with infectious diseases from Early Childhood Centres is sometimes necessary where there is potential for further spread of infection.

Te Whariki

Well-Being – Goal 1. Children experience an environment where their health is promoted.

PROCEDURES

Children will be cared for and isolated to prevent spread of illness in the interest of all children. The Head Teacher will decide whether the child should be sent home.

- 1 Children with the following infectious diseases **MUST NOT** attend Superstart until deemed fit to return by their doctor (Medical certificate required):-

Campylobacter	Chicken pox	Conjunctivitis
Cryptosporidium	Hepatitis A & B	Hand, foot, & mouth
Gastroenteritis	Glandular fever	Measles
Impetigo (school sores)	Meningitis	Mumps
Ringworm	Salmonella	Scabies
Streptococcal (Sore throat)	Slapped cheek	Whooping cough

- 2 Children will immediately be isolated from the Centre to the office area at the first signs of illness and Parents contacted. A staff member will remain with the child until collected.
- 3 Children with any of the following – diarrhoea, vomiting, high temperature, green discharge from nose, or rash will be sent home immediately and the Parents will be asked to inform the Centre of the doctor's diagnosis in the interest of other children and staff.
- 4 In the case of an infectious disease Parents will be notified of the symptoms and how to deal with this. Children who are not immunised will be asked to stay away. Advice will be sought from Ministry of Health
- 5 When the child is isolated their temperature will be taken every 30 minutes and recorded on the illness form along with any other observations in the period prior to the child being collected from the Centre. A copy of this record will be given to the Parent when the child is collected.

- 6 Parents will be informed of the length of time before their child may return to the Centre E.g. 48 hours after symptoms of vomiting, diarrhoea, fever, and/or skin rash. If more than one child has the same symptoms Management will ensure no child returns until after a period of 48 hours. Parents will be expected to respect this in the interests of other children and staff.
- 7 Only boiled water will be given to the child during this period.
- 8 No pamol medication will be administered by staff.
- 9 The only exception will be prescribed medication i.e. antibiotics, prescribed a doctor. The child may return to the Pre School when a medical certificate by is received. That means their condition is not infectious or contagious.
- 10 If a child requires medication it is the Parent/Guardians responsibility to give medication to a qualified Staff member along with the completed Request for medication form. Only qualified teachers will administer medication and the name of and dosage of the medication MUST be checked & signed by two teachers.
- 11 When a child is on medication for more than one day, each day they attend the Parent/Guardian must complete a new Request for Medication form. Medication will NOT be administered without this.
- 12 Where children have had a vaccination and they attend Superstart immediately after, staff will endeavour to keep them safe without restricting their play, however Parents will be ultimately responsible for their well being.
- 13 For Further information we will contact:-
 East Tamaki Health Care 272 4163 Or
 Ministry of Health 580 9000
- 14 When a child becomes ill, for whatever reason a Staff member is unable to contact Parent/Guardian (or named person as per enrolment form) an ambulance will be called at the Parent/Guardians expense. A qualified Staff member will accompany the child to receive appropriate treatment.

I have read this Policy and agree to abide by it's content in order to maintain a safe and healthy environment for all.

Signed:

Date:

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