



Child Health Policy

Rationale/Purpose

To ensure the well-being of our Centre is upheld.

Statement/Objective

Children who are unwell should not be attending the Centre.

- For the well-being of the sick child.
- Being unwell will hinder the child from participating in the centre programme.
- High demands on staff causing inadequate ratios.
- Distressing for the child and other children at the centre.
- Spreading of diseases and viruses to other children and staff.

Broad Guidelines:

- The child's parent are to give written consent to administer medication and to inform staff about their child's health. Their contact phone numbers and their emergency contacts will have been recorded on the child's enrolment form.
- Should a child reach a temperature of 37.5°C and the parent/caregiver is unable to be contacted, with the agreement of the person responsible, we will administer Paracetamol if consent has been given in the enrolment parent contract.
- The person responsible may exclude a child from attending the Centre if the child is unwell, has a temperature of over 37.5°C or having other health conditions which may be of concern.
- Children with infectious diseases listed in the Health Regulations will be excluded from the centre during the period of the illness (see infectious diseases policy).
- Parents should inform staff about any changes in children's health (including side effects to medication) to protect the child, themselves and other children.
- When a child becomes unwell at the Centre, the child will be isolated with supervision, and returned to the care of the parents/guardians or the contact person on enrolment form without delay.
- Any child experiencing vomiting or diarrhoea will be excluded from the centre for a period of 48 hours after the last episode of vomiting or diarrhoea.
- In the event that a child becomes seriously ill or injured, immediate medical aid will be sought and parents/guardians contacted immediately.
- **Staff will not administer medication other than the agreed oral drugs. Parents/guardians will be required to sign the Administer of Medications form. (APPENDIX A) A staff**

member is to administer medication and this will then be sighted by another staff member and signed for by both. (Regulation 35g)

- All medication and creams are to be signed into the medicine book and stored in the kitchen, NOT the child's bag. This is to prevent children from direct access to medication and creams.
- All staff will be trained in First Aid and will hold a current First Aid Certificates
- Staff are made aware of children diagnosed with conditions such as HIV/Aids and Hepatitis, so appropriate precautions will be taken at all times. Safe practices will apply.

Lines of Responsibility:

Management, Staff and parents/guardians/whanau.

Links to Other Documentation:

Regulation 28 & 35g

DOP's 5

Te Whaariki – Well Being – S.1- G.1, G.2 & G.3

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Signed:

Responsibility for Review: Principal Teacher