



## Teething Policy

### ***Rationale/Purpose***

Teething can be a large part of development and life for infants and toddlers. This can have a significant impact on our programme and the children and teachers in the environment. A supportive partnership between parents and teachers is important to minimise any negative experiences for children.

### ***Broad Guidelines:***

- Parents will provide teething rings and remedies for their child as necessary.
- Teachers will administer pain relief for children in accordance with our medicines policy. However, paracetamol, pamol/paracare will only be administered for a 24 hour period before clearance from a doctor is requested to rule out the possibility that such pain relief could be masking the symptoms of something more severe.
- Teachers require open communication with parents to ensure information regarding what pain relief has been administered to children prior to their attendance each day.
- In cases where the pain from teething is so intense it impacts on the child's ability to fully participate in the programme, the centre manager reserves the right to request a parent keep their child at home until they are well.

### ***Lines of Responsibility:***

Principal Teacher and Staff

### ***Links to Other Documentation:***

Te Whaariki – Goal 1

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Responsibility for Review: Principal Teacher