

Agapé Christian Preschool

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.
- Extra demands on staff, inadequate ratios.
- Distressing for the child and other children.
- Spreading of diseases and viruses to other children and staff.

Broad Guidelines:

- Parent's responsibilities for their own child/ren attending the Centre are to give staff written consent to administer medication and to inform staff about their child's health, their contact phone numbers and their emergency contacts.
- If your child reaches a temperature of 37.5°C, with the agreement of one senior staff member, we will administer Paracetamol if consent has been given in the enrolment contract.
- The principal teacher or senior staff member may exclude a child from attending the Centre if the child is unwell or has a temperature of over 37.5°C.
- A child with other health conditions **may** be excluded from the centre at the discretion of the person responsible.
- Children with infectious diseases listed in the Health Regulations will be excluded from the centre during the period of the illness.
- Parents should inform staff about 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 in the office, supervised by the administrator and returned to the care of the parents/guardians or the contact person on enrolment form without delay.
- 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 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 staff will be trained in First Aid and will hold a current First Aid Certificate
- Staff are made aware if children have serious conditions such as HIV/Aids and Hepatitis, so appropriate precautions (i.e. Use of rubber gloves) 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

Date: 11 July 2007

Signed:

Review Date: June 2008

Responsibility for Review: Principal Teacher