

## **ILLNESS POLICY**

### **REG 46 / HS26**

#### **RATIONALE / INTENT:**

To uphold the good health and safety of children and teachers by minimising accidents and the spread of infection while at the Centre.

Current Requirement of: Reg 46 ECE Regulations 2008 and the Health (Infectious & Notifiable Diseases) Regulations 1966.

**RESPONSIBILITY:** All staff to practice and implement policy and to abide by this policy.

#### **GUIDELINES:**

- Owing to the risk of infection, we are unable to take care of sick children. Children should be kept at home if they have any of the following symptoms:
  - A high temperature (38°C or above);
  - An inflamed throat or eyes;
  - An unidentified rash; or
  - An upset stomach or diarrhea
- If a child is unable to attend the Centre, the Centre should be notified by 8.30 a.m. on the morning of non-attendance. A doctor's release statement must be presented if the illness is contagious.
- If a child becomes ill during the course of the day, parents will be contacted and asked to immediately collect the child from the Centre. The child will be isolated from the other children until he/she is taken home. A sick child will remain under supervision while isolated from the other children. To minimise the risk of other children becoming sick, sick children are required to be kept away from the centre for a minimum of 24 hours.
- A doctor's clearance certificate may be requested.
- If your child has rotavirus your child he/she must be kept away from the centre for a minimum of 48 hours after all symptoms have ceased. This is to control the spread of the illness.
- Children with infectious diseases e.g. measles, school sores, chicken pox, conjunctivitis, giardia cannot return to the Centre until they have fully recovered. If children return to the Centre and staff are concerned that a child has not fully recovered from his/her illness the parents will be notified contacted and asked to obtain a doctor's clearance certificate. Ministry of Health Guidelines on infectious diseases will be followed if there is any doubt. These are on display throughout the centre.

Parents are required to supply a copy of their Child's vaccination certificate upon enrolment.

- Paracetamol / Ibuprofen may be given to a child in some circumstances; however this is at the discretion of the head teacher or management. This will be done on a case by case basis and only as agreed with parents/caregivers. Parents will sign the medication chart when they collect their child. Pamol and other such medication will not be administered for the purpose of disguising a fever as a child with a fever should not be at the centre.
- The Centre offers this policy for parent perusal on enrolment of all children. This policy is reviewed within our annual review cycle.