

## **SICKNESS POLICY**

**IF YOUR CHILD REQUIRES PAMOL THEY SHOULD NOT BE ATTENDING THE CENTRE UNLESS IT IS IN CONJUNCTION WITH ANOTHER PRESCRIBED MEDICATION. ONLY IN AN EXTREME EMERGENCY WILL THE CENTRE ADMINISTER PAMOL AND DOCUMENT THIS.**

### **SICKNESS**

- We will follow the guidelines for Illnesses and Infections which are published by the Ministry of Health. Copies of the relevant guidelines will be kept at the Centre for staff, parent and whānau reference.
- Parents and whānau will be asked to collect their sick child, if, in the opinion of the Head Teacher or Senior Staff, the child either needs further medical attention, or the child is too unwell to participate in the Centre programme.
- Parents and whānau who have been asked to collect their child are expected to do so as soon as possible, but no longer than 1 hour after being contacted by the Centre.
- At no time is a child (or staff member, or any other person) allowed in the Centre if they are infectious.

### **VOMITING AND DIARRHEA**

- A child needs to be clear for 24 hours after the last episode before returning to the Centre. In the event of an epidemic, this is extended to 48 hours.
- Children who have had a vomit or diarrhea during the night must not be brought to the Centre the following day. They need to be kept away for 24 hours after the last episode.
- Following two repeated diarrhea cases or vomit, the Head Teacher or Senior Staff will contact the parents and whānau to collect their child.

### **HIGH TEMPERATURE**

- We recognise that as part of the teething process it is not unusual for a child to have a higher than normal temperature, however this will not exceed 37.5°C.
- If a high temperature over 37.5°C persists, the parents and whānau will be asked to collect their child.
- If the child's temperature rises above 38°C whilst waiting for the parents and whānau to collect, necessary steps will be taken to cool down the child i.e. dressing down, cool water to drink.
- The child will not be able to return to the centre for a minimum of 24 hours after a high temperature as they are at risk of spreading virus/infection.

## **CONTACTING PARENTS**

- In a situation where every effort has been made by the Staff and they are unable to contact parents and whānau, the contact names on the child's file will be phoned. If no contact is made, the Head Teacher or Senior Staff will decide if the child requires immediate medical attention. If this situation arises the child's enrolment file must accompany them to their Doctor and the child must be in a car seat. The Senior Staff are to inform the Head Teacher of serious illness, notifiable diseases and/or situations requiring medical attention immediately.

## **NITS**

- In the case of Nits, the child will be asked to be removed from the Centre, and will not be able to return until their hair has been treated and nit combed and eggs and live lice removed.
- Follow up treatments must be administered as per the product manufacturer's instructions.

## **ANTIBIOTICS/PAMOL**

- Please see Medicine Policy.

## **HOSPITAL**

- If your child is being admitted to hospital and are nil-by-mouth, they need to be kept at home.
- After all operations, children need to stay at home for at least 24 hours to allow time for the child to recover (longer if recommended by the doctor).

## **CHILDHOOD DISEASES**

- The Centre will notify parents and whānau as soon as two cases of childhood diseases have been brought to the attention of Centre staff. Exclusion from the Centre is as per Infectious Diseases chart.

**PLEASE NOTE: There may be times that what the doctor told you and what we tell you may differ. This is to ensure the safety and well-being of all the children and staff in the Centre. Public Health will be called in at any time staff need support and help in ensuring the whole Centre's well-being.**

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