



Riverside Educare

Health Policy

Rationale:

Exclusion of children or staff with infectious diseases from Early Childhood Centres is sometimes necessary where there is potential for further spreads of infection. We wish to ensure children and adults are safe from infection by spelling out clearly under what circumstances the child should be excluded. Exclusion is at the person responsible, head teachers or the centre manager's discretion.

Te Whāriki:

Well-being- Goal 1- Children experience an environment where their health is promoted.

Procedures:

- We encourage children and staff alike to have thorough hand washing and drying practices to prevent the spread of illnesses.
- We will endeavour to isolate children who become ill at the centre. An adult will remain with the child until collected. The centre manager will be responsible to ensure staff ratios with other children still meet licensing requirements.
- The centre will endeavour to contact the parent as soon the child becomes ill. If a parent is unable to collect their child soon enough, the emergency contact person listed on the child's enrolment form may be contacted.
- Daily records of absences because of sickness are kept (together with symptoms) so information on illnesses affecting our centre can be collated and shared when necessary
- See administration of medicine policy regarding the administering of pain relief.
- Where there is a major illness/injury requiring medical aid, the person responsible will contact medical aid and inform the parents without delay.

Children or staff suffering from any of the following symptoms will be required to leave the centre AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

- The illness prevents the child from participating comfortably in programme activities.
 - The illness results in a greater care need than we can reasonably provide without compromising the health and safety of the other children.
 - Head lice - until treated
 - Vomiting- until 24 hours after last vomit
 - Diarrhoea- until 24 hours after last episode
 - Both vomiting and diarrhoea – until 48 hours after last episode
 - Fever (temperature of 38 degrees) - until the fever has come down and no pain relief or similar, is needed
 - Rash with fever or behavioural change- until a doctor has determined the illness is not a communicable disease.
 - A child on antibiotics for any illness should not attend the centre until at least 24 hours after treatment has started and the child is well.
- } Or as recommended by health officials

In the case of communicable diseases, the Public Health Service exclusion guidelines will be followed.

We will advise of any communicable diseases currently affecting children from the centre. (Refer to Southern District Health Board Case Log).

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