

MEDICATION

Antibiotics: Children must stay away from the centre for 24 hours from the first dosage of antibiotics, or longer if the child is still unwell.

Medicine Folder: The medicine folder is on the kitchen bench. A parent/caregiver must record the name of the child, and details of the medicine, the time the medicine is to be given, and the dosage. The parent/caregiver must then sign the medicine folder. This procedure must be followed each day medicine is to be given. Staff members are not trained medical personnel and will only dispense medicine according to the instructions on the label (or a lesser dose if the parent/caregiver wishes) to the child whose name is on the label.

The staff member will sign the medicine folder immediately after giving the medicine to the child. A witness will also sign the medicine folder to ensure that all medicine is properly administered and recorded.

Staff can only administer medication if they have the necessary details and written permission from a parent/caregiver.

There is an asthma treatment plan form available for children who bring asthma medication every day. Please ask for this form.

Confidentiality: Any information relating to individuals with infectious diseases and/or their families will remain confidential.

ACCIDENTS

Any accidents that occur during centre hours are recorded in our accident folder including information about time, date, how the accident happened and the treatment given. A duplicate copy is then placed in your child's wall pocket.

All staff members must immediately report to the Centre Co-ordinators if an accident occurs and ensure that the child is comforted and properly treated.

On occasion staff will phone you to inform you of an accident, or they will do their best to inform you when you arrive to pick up your child. However, there are times when staff are busy with the children or other parents. Please approach a staff member to further discuss the details of the accident.

Immunisation of children. As per Immunisation 2000, we are required to keep a record of the immunization status of all children.

If your child is not immunised, he/she may be asked to stay away from the centre by the Chief Medical Officer of Health if an outbreak of a notifiable disease occurs.

Medical Services information. A hearing and vision tester will visit the centre 2 - 3 times a year to check children aged three years and over who are attending the centre. Details of these visits will be displayed.

Other information about children's health and services are available in the parents' information display.

Greta Point
Childcare Centre

Child Health Policies



Rationale

To ensure that the health and well-being of the children are protected and nurtured at all times. By upholding these policies, there will be less infection in the centre, children will be healthier and will, therefore, need less time away due to illness.

Purpose:

To ensure that the Greta Point Childcare Centre is a safe and healthy place for all children and adults to be in.

Important Information.

Illness can spread very easily amongst children and staff in early childhood settings.

Sometimes a child may be only mildly ill, or appear to have recovered, but it is important that the child stay away to protect others. If a child is unwell at the centre, it places extra stress on the staff and other children. The child who is unwell also finds it difficult to cope and takes longer to recover.

We realise that there may be difficulties with work commitments, but please make other arrangements when your child is sick. The Education (Early Childhood Centres) Regulations 1998, state that a person responsible, being a person directly involved in, and primarily responsible for the day-to-day care, comfort, education, health and safety of the children, has the discretion to exclude a child from attending the centre due to illness.

Please phone us if your child is going to be away due to illness.

OUR POLICY ON INFECTIOUS DISEASES AND CONDITIONS.

These are taken from recommendations from the Ministry of Health for early childhood settings. Staff will notify parents via the parents' notice-board of any contagious illnesses that are present in the centre.

Chickenpox

The child must stay away until at least five days after the rash appears or, in mild cases, until all the spots have dried and no new spots are appearing.

Conjunctivitis

The child who is ill must stay away until they have been treated by a doctor, or the doctor says they can return. If it is bacterial or viral conjunctivitis the discharge from the eyes is infectious.

Hand, foot and mouth

The child must stay away until all the blisters have dried and they are well.

Headlice

Child must stay away until the morning after the first treatment.

Impetigo - (School Sores)

The child must stay away for at least 24 hours after the first treatment begins. Sores should be covered until they have healed.

Measles

Child must stay away until at least four days after the rash and they are well.

Mumps

Child must stay away until nine days after the swelling around the face developed or until the swelling of involved glands settles completely.

Rubella

Child must stay away until seven days from the appearance of the rash.

Slapped Cheek

There is no specific treatment for this disease. Most children are no longer contagious by the time the rash appears so they can attend the centre.

Strep. Throat

Child must stay away for the first 24 hours of treatment and the child is well.

Vomiting / Diarrhoea

Symptoms must have stopped for 48 hours and the child is well before they can return to the centre.

Whooping Cough

Child should be seen by a doctor, kept away from other children, staying away from the centre for at least the first five days of treatment. If antibiotics are not given then the child should be kept away from other children for 21 days.

Parents of any child who presents with symptoms of any of the above during centre hours will be notified and asked to pick up their child as soon as possible.