

Rationale

To provide clear guidelines for managing and preventing illnesses at the Centre, including infectious illnesses.

Guidelines

1. Managing illness at the centre

- a. If a child is unable to participate in the programme due to illness, teachers will contact a parent or emergency contact to take the child home. He/she should stay at home until well again.
- b. If a teacher becomes ill, he/she will be asked to go home as soon as possible and recommended to stay at home until well again.
- c. When a child is required to be isolated due to illness, an adult will remain with them in an area away from the other children until someone picks them up.
- d. If a parent or caregiver is not available to immediately pick the child up, the emergency contact as recorded in the enrolment form will be contacted.
- e. If a sick child's condition deteriorates and the parent or caregiver is unable to come to the centre,
- f. If a child is sent home due to an illness,
 - teachers will record details of the illness in the *Record of Accident / Illness* form,
 - a copy of this record is given to the parents,
 - the teacher will speak with parent about exclusion periods that may apply in accordance

2.Á Excluding children from the Centre

- a.Á Any child attending the Early Childhood Learning Centre should stay away from the Centre when the Centre believes that a child is unwell, is unable to participate in the Centre activities, or if the child shows one or more of the following symptoms:
- Á the child is lethargic or irritable
 - Á the child has a fever (a temperature of 38 deg Celsius and above)
 - Á the child shows symptoms or signs of infection, for example, conjunctivitis, runny eyes
 - Á the child's nose is continually running green mucus, or the child is coughing up green mucus continually
 - Á the child has diarrhoea or vomiting
- b.Á Children on antibiotics can return to the Centre 24 hours after the first dose as the child would need rest away from a busy environment and in case of allergic reaction which may occur after medication.
- c.Á Children can return to the Centre once they are well and fever-

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