



ILLNESS / INFECTION CONTROL POLICY

Rationale: To uphold the health and safety of children and adults by preventing undue exposure to disease or illness while attending North Haven Child Care & Education Centre. (Criteria HS26 Education (Early Childhood Services) Regulations 2008 and Health Amendment Act 1992).

PROCEDURE.

The Head Teacher, or designated person responsible, has the discretion to refuse entry/attendance to any adult or child who they have reason to believe may be suffering from a disease or condition likely to be passed onto children and likely to have a detrimental effect on them.

- We ask that all persons use hand sanitiser upon arrival at North Haven.
- QR codes are available in the foyer for those wishing to document their movements via the Covid contact tracing app.

If a child shows **any** of the following symptoms the child will be kept away from the Centre until they are fully recovered. Please notify the Centre of absence and reason for absence.

1. A temperature
2. Nausea, vomiting and diarrhoea. Child must be asymptomatic for 48 hours before returning to the Centre.
3. Undiagnosed and/or contagious skin irritation.
4. Runny nose accompanied by a fever or a cough
5. Any behaviour which is abnormal for your child, e.g. refusal to eat, irritable, crying, fatigue or needing extra sleep.
6. Headlice

If a child while at North Haven, exhibits any of the above, or shows any sign of having an infectious disease/illness, the child will be supervised and made comfortable away from the main area of play until the parent/caregiver/whanau is contacted and collects their child from the Centre.

If any child needs to be bathed due to vomit and/or diarrhoea staff will follow the Body Wash Procedure displayed in the respective bathrooms.

North Haven Child Care & Education Centre will follow the Ministry of Health Guidelines for the return to the Centre of children with infectious diseases. These are outlined on posters displayed in the foyers. (Ministry of Health May 2010).

<i>Infectious diseases include:</i>	Campylobacter	Chicken Pox
Conjunctivitis	Glandular Fever	Cryptosporidium/Giardia
Impetigo	Gastro-enteritis	Hand, Foot & Mouth
Hepatitis A	Hepatitis B	Measles
Meningitis	Mumps	Ringworm
Rubella	Salmonella	Scabies
Streptococcal	Slapped Cheek	Whooping Cough
Covid (novel coronavirus)		

MEDICATION: Children will not be allowed at the Centre for the first 24 hours from when a doctor prescribes antibiotics; this may be increased at the discretion of the Head Teacher/person responsible.

GENERAL ANAESTHETIC: If a child has had a general anaesthetic they will be unable to attend the Centre for 48 hours.

PLASTER CAST / STITCHES: If a child has had a plaster cast or stitches applied they will be unable to attend the Centre for a minimum of 48 hours.

CONJUNCTIVITIS: Children suffering from conjunctivitis will not be allowed at the Centre until there is no discharge from the eye.

HEADLICE: If a child is discovered to have headlice the parent/caregiver/whanau/or contact will be rung and asked to pick the child up. Children will not be able to return to the Centre until they have received a treatment as recognised by Health Officials and all head lice are dead. On-going treatment is essential to ensure all lice and eggs are dead.

IMMUNISATIONS: If a child is unwell due to immunisations they will be required to stay home.

ROTOVIRUS VACCINE: Requires the child to be absent from the Centre for 24 hours after it has been administered.

COVID-19 (novel coronavirus): Due to the global pandemic of Covid **no** person is permitted on site with cold or flu like symptoms. Children who develop symptoms throughout the day will be isolated and parents contacted immediately to collect their child. Any staff member who develops symptoms throughout the day will be sent home. A child and/or staff member can return after 48 hours if they are well and symptom free, or if they have been tested for Covid and can present a negative test result.

The Public Health Nurse can be consulted for further advice.

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