



CHILD CARE & EDUCATION CENTRE

AORAKI COMMUNITY EDUCATION TRUST BOARD

## TAMARIKI ILLNESS / INFECTION CONTROL POLICY

### **Rationale:**

To uphold the health and safety of tamariki and adults by preventing undue exposure to disease or illness while attending North Haven Child Care & Education Centre. (Criteria HS120) Education (Early Childhood Services) Regulations 2008 and Health Amendment Act 1992). Exclusion of tamariki with infectious diseases/illnesses from North Haven is necessary where there is potential for further spread of infection.

### **Te Whāriki.**

Well-being/Mana atua – The health and wellbeing of the tamaiti are protected and nurtured.

### **Procedures:**

The Centre Manager, or designated Person Responsible, has the discretion to refuse entry/attendance to any tamaiti who they have reason to believe may be suffering from a disease or illness likely to be passed onto tamariki and likely to have a detrimental effect on them.

If a tamaiti shows **any** of the following symptoms the exclusion information outlined is required to be followed.

1. A temperature over 38 degrees Celsius or over (the tamaiti is not to return to Centre until 24 hours minimum with no symptoms of fever present as recommended by Public Health Service).
2. Nausea, vomiting and diarrhoea. The tamaiti must be asymptomatic for 48 hours before returning to the Centre.
3. Undiagnosed and/or contagious skin irritation. (The tamaiti is not to return to the Centre until this has cleared or doctor clearance is provided).
4. A consistent runny nose and/or persistent cough (exclusion at the discretion of the Centre Manager or Person Responsible).
5. Any behaviour which is abnormal, e.g., refusal to eat, irritable, crying, fatigue or needing extra sleep. (Exclusion at the discretion of the Centre Manager or Person Responsible)
6. Headlice (the tamaiti is not to return until treated and any live eggs/lice removed).

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

Details of the symptoms and any other relevant information will be recorded by staff on the tamaiti illness forms, and a copy will be provided to the parent/caregiver who collects tamaiti.

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

<b><i>Infectious diseases include:</i></b>	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:** Tamariki 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 Centre Manager/Person Responsible. Any tamariki who require medication to be administered while at North Haven will have detailed information recorded following our Medicine Administration Policy guidelines.

**INDIVIDUAL HEALTH PLANS:** Individual health plans will be written in consultation with parents/caregiver/whanau for tamariki who suffer from Asthma, Epilepsy, specific allergies or other ongoing medical conditions.

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

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

**IMMUNISATIONS:** If a tamaiti is unwell due to immunisations they will be required to stay home until symptoms have ceased.

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

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