Policy Name:	ILLNESS
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The guidelines to be followed regarding illness and sick children are:

➢ All educators will hold a current Senior First Aid Certificate

➢ Children with an infectious disease, as prescribed by the relevant Department of Health and Community service guidelines (amended from time to time) will not be accepted into the child care program as infection spreads fast. The exclusion periods recommended will be adhered to and the child not re-admitted until the infection has passed. Families may be required to present a certificate from their Doctor stating the child is fit to attend the education and care service.

➢ Exclusion periods for infectious diseases are clearly displayed for educators and families information.

➢ Should the child become ill whilst at care and depending on the severity of the illness, the parent will be notified to collect the child. If possible, the child will be placed away from the other children.

➢ If a child has a temperature above 38, families will be called to collect.

➢ The Director or certified supervisor should be made aware when a child becomes ill or has had an accident. An incident and accident report form shall be completed as soon as possible.

➢ Should urgent medical attention be required and the parent/guardian contact is unavailable, under the direction of the Director or Certified Supervisor, an ambulance will be called.

➢ Where a child enrolled in the program has regular medication, as advised on the enrolment form, the medication shall be administered by a senior staff member in the room, and the dose be checked by another educator if available, prior to being administered. A record will be made in the medication book and signed by both educators and also the parent.

➢ Paracetamol will only be administered to children with the parent's verbal consent, and will only be given to children with a high a temperature, whilst waiting to be picked up by a parent or emergency contact. No medication, other than prescribed by a Doctor, shall be given by educators (with the exception of vent Olin for diagnosed asthmatics).

➢ Where a child has had panadol or nurofen upon arrival, they will be sent home from care, for reasons other than teething. Please note that children are not to attend if they have had Panadol or nurofen.

➢ Hygienic practices will be adopted that minimise the spread of infection. Educators and children will be encouraged to observe the policy on hygiene and sanitation.

➢ Parental permission is required for educators to seek medical treatment for a child.

➢ Emergency medical treatment may be authorised by the Director or Certified Supervisor in charge (after checking enrolment records), only when the parent or nominated person cannot be readily contacted.

➢ If your child has had vomiting, diarrhoea or a fever they cannot attend the Service until 48 hours after the last episode of vomiting or diarrhoea.

➢ Where children have been prescribed anti-biotics, children will need to be absent from care for the first 24 hours of starting the course.

POLICY REVIEW

. The service will review this Philosophy, every 12 months or sooner if required.

. Families are encouraged to collaborate with the service to review the centre's Philosophy, policies and procedures.

. All staff are essential stakeholders in the policy review process and will be encouraged to be actively involved in this process.

. Date of Last review – May 2019

. Date of next review – May 2020