

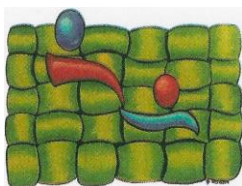
Rotorua Girls' High School Childcare Trust

Infectious Diseases and Illness Policy

Goal: To minimise the spread of infection and to ensure that the needs of the sick child and the other children in the centre are cared for appropriately.

Procedure:

1. A child is not to attend the centre while infectious, contagious or unwell.
2. Parents/whānau are to notify the centre if the child has been in contact with a contagious disease.
3. Parents/whānau will be notified of infectious disease and illness that have occurred in the centre, verbally by the teachers, through whiteboard notices and email or newsletters.
4. The required period of absence is to be set by the 'Person Responsible' regarding each disease or illness. According to Ministry of Health guidelines a minimum of 24 hours must have passed since the last loose bowel motion or vomit before the child may return to the centre. However a longer period may be required for the child to make a full recovery.
5. The "Person Responsible" has the authority to ask that a child be taken home, if she deems that the child is not well enough to attend the centre.
6. If a child becomes ill while attending the centre, all practical steps will be taken to isolate the child from the other children. The child's parents/whānau will be notified to collect their child without delay.
7. If a child vomits or soils, a teacher (wearing gloves) will clean and dry the child, before dressing the child in clean clothes. Any soiled clothes will be rinsed in the laundry tub, before being soaked separately in a nappy soak solution, and finally washed separately. The shower or bathroom tub and laundry tub will then be cleaned with a bleach solution, as recommended by the Ministry of Health.
8. Parents/whānau are requested to discuss with teachers if their child has been ill, or is taking any medication.
9. Emergency contact details for each child will be part of the enrolment form that will be updated annually.



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- 10.** The centre holds information on common childhood diseases, from the Ministry of Health. Parents/whānau may request to sight this information at any time.

This policy will be reviewed as per the policy review schedule.

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