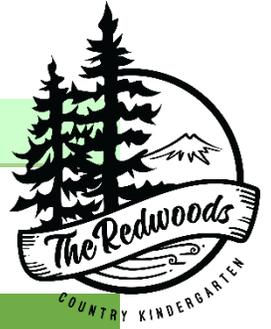


Infectious Illnesses Policy and Procedures



Policy Category: Health and Safety HS 26

Rationale

To ensure all practicable steps are taken to ensure that tamariki do not come into contact with any person (adult or child) at the kindergarten who is suffering from a disease or condition likely to be passed onto children and likely to have a detrimental effect on them.

Objectives

- To ensure that children who become unwell at kindergarten are kept at a safe distance from other children (to minimise the spread of infection) until collected by an authorised caregiver.
- To follow suggested actions for specific infectious diseases as per **Appendix 2: Infectious diseases for Criterion HS26**

Procedures

- The inside kaiako will attend to the unwell child who will be given a quiet place to rest and kept at a safe distance from other children to minimize the spread of infection. See also **washing procedure for sick and soiled children**.
- The child's authorised caregiver will be contacted as soon as possible and be asked to take the child home.
- Information about the disease/illness will be shared with the caregiver by showing them Appendix 2, including actions to be taken such as excluding the child from the kindergarten.
- The Public health nurse and MOE will be notified of any notifiable illnesses and the kindergarten management team will follow their advice.
- Other kindergarten families will be notified and given advice on actions to be taken.

Review

Policy will be reviewed annually as per our review schedule or when a change is required.

Ratified

Policy Folder: Health and Safety

Date	13th May 2019
Review Date	
Consultation undertaken	

References

- Te Whāriki Early Childhood Curriculum 2017 Well Being Strand.
- Education (Early Childhood services) Regulations 2008 Reg 46
- Licensing Criteria for Early Childhood and Care Services 2008