

Sick Children and Infectious Disease Procedure

The health and well-being of children in our centre is of the highest priority. Sick children should not attend sessions at our centre. Instead, they need time and care to recover within a family environment. While we understand how difficult this can be for working parents, it is very important that sickness is not passed on to other children and staff members.

The purpose of this statement is to provide guidance as to when your child is likely to be infectious to others and therefore needs to be excluded from preschool.

This is likely to be when your child has:

- A temperature of 38C or higher
- Been vomiting in the last 24 hours
- Diarrhea
- A productive cough
- Conjunctivitis
- Coloured nasal mucous
- An undiagnosed rash
- Head Lice [until treated]
- Cold sores

A list of infectious diseases and their exclusion times is available at reception if further information is required.

If there is an occurrence of a vaccine preventable disease at the service, children who are not vaccinated or who have not given the centre evidence of their child's immunization status will be excluded from preschool. The exclusion period is determined by SA Health & is designed to protect those at risk of getting the disease and those who may be able to pass the disease onto others.

In the event of your child becoming ill, we will telephone you to collect your child.

If there are confirmed cases of infectious diseases we will place a fact sheet at reception giving information about signs & symptoms, what parents can do and the exclusion time from our centre.