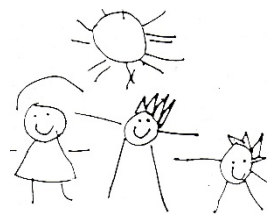


Salisbury Park Kindergarten

Sickness & Medication Management Policy



Sickness

- At Kindergarten children & educators work closely together. Sickness can easily be transferred from one person to another. We need to consider how we can reduce the spread of germs to support the wellbeing of all.
- If your child is showing signs of being unwell before coming to kindergarten, it is important to keep them home for the day.
- **Children who have a temperature, diarrhoea or are vomiting must be kept home for 24 hours after the last episode.** Our aim is to reduce the chance of cross infection and ensure children have time for a full recovery, prior to return.
- Should any child become unwell at preschool, parents/guardians will be contacted to collect them as soon as possible. Children will be supported by educators prior to going home.
- Usually, children requiring Paracetamol or pain medication are not well enough to attend kindergarten & should be kept at home.

Infectious Disease

- Please notify the kindy as soon as possible, if your child is diagnosed with an infectious disease (Including head lice).
- Recommended exclusion periods apply for cases of infectious diseases. These are based on the time that a person might be infectious to others. Please see staff for further information.
- Everyone is encouraged to wash their hands before & after eating and toileting, to reduce the spread of germs.
- **A 'notice of an occurrence of an infectious disease' will be displayed on site and information is sent home to all families.** Notification is in accordance with Regulation [173 (2)(g)]

First Aid

- All educators are trained in basic first aid, including asthma & anaphylaxis management and are responsible to provide first aid support when needed.
- All minor accidents/injuries will be treated at kindy by an educator.
- Volunteers at the site, **will not** provide first aid support to children.
- If minor first aid treatment is administered, a written report is completed with notification to families via the communication pockets. A family member is required to 'sign off' to acknowledge receiving notification.

Health Care Plans

- Children with asthma, allergies and other long-term health issues will require a Health Care Plan to be completed by their doctor or health professional. Health Care Plan Forms will be provided as needed.
- **Health Care Plans must be in place before children commence kindergarten.** Parents are responsible for providing updated Plan's.
- Children with significant health issues, must be discussed with the Director during enrolment. This is to ensure educators have completed relevant support training, prior to children starting kindy.

Medication

- Medication cannot be administered without a medication agreement that has been completed by a treating health professional, and authorised by the parent or legal guardian.
- This does not include asthma puffers or EpiPens® when used as an emergency response medicine.
- If your child requires medication to be administered during kindergarten hours, the medication must be supplied in the original container, clearly marked with the child's name, dosage and the use by date.
- **The 8 point 'Right Check' is completed every time medication is administered and documented in the medication log**
- All medication will be stored securely on the kitchen shelves, out of reach of children.

Allergy Aware

- Families are regularly reminded about allergy awareness, when relevant
- Food is not given as a reward or treat.
- Children do not swap or share food.
- Our Curriculum incorporates education about food allergy and healthy eating.
- Food preparation follows standard precautions to avoid cross contamination.