

POLICY: Health and Sickness (**POLICY No.:** POL-OPS-2)

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Effective hygiene strategies and practices aim to protect all persons from and minimise the potential risk of the spread of disease and illness. There is a shared responsibility between educators, staff and families to accept and consistently implement this policy and its procedures for the security, physical safety and emotional well being of the all stakeholders, especially the children.

Key practices

- Active and effective hand washing whenever necessary.
- Ongoing maintenance of a hygienic and clean environment.
- Identifying and excluding sick children – before and after coming into the Centre.

Parental responsibility

- Advise Centre when children have been unwell.
- Exclude sick children.
- Obtain medical clearance prior to returning to the Centre (where applicable).
- Keep children’s immunisation updated and current.

Illnesses or conditions that MUST have medical clearance

Asthma (require a current Asthma Action Plan + medication)	Parvovirus (slapped cheek)
Broken limb	Ring Worm
Bronchiolitis	Roseola Virus
Chicken Pox (Varicella)	Rotavirus
Croup	Rubella (German Measles)*
Diphtheria*	Salmonella
Discharge from ears	Scabies
Glandular Fever	Scarlet Fever, Streptococcal sore throat
Hand Foot and Mouth	Skin Rashes
Impetigo	Stiches
Influenza	Tonsillitis/ Strep/ Sore Throat
Measles*	Thrush
Meningitis*	Viral Gastroenteritis
Meningococcal*	Whooping Cough (Pertussis)*
Mumps*	

*** refer to illnesses that MUST be reported to the Public Health Unit.**

This is only an extract of the policy. Please refer to the policy document for the full information and details.

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