



HEALTH

RATIONALE

To provide a healthy environment in which the well being of the children is promoted at all times.

PROCEDURE

Children are encouraged to develop independent self-care skills with the support and encouragement of Educators who observe and respond quickly and directly to the children's needs and messages.

Children are given knowledge on how to keep themselves healthy.

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

Specifically, children who become unwell while attending the service are kept at a safe distance from other children (to minimise the spread of infection) and returned to the care of a parent or other person authorised to collect the child without delay.

Children are washed when they are soiled or pose a health risk to themselves or others.

Parents will be informed on enrolment that sick children cannot attend. Children are unable to attend if they are displaying signs of unwellness or are unable to participate fully in the programme. Some of the signs of unwellness are: a lack of energy, crying, wanting to be held, or a negative disposition that is not typical for that child.

In the event of illness/accident while at the Educators the child's parent will be contacted immediately and asked to collect their child. If the parent is unable to be contacted then the emergency contact will be called. If both parent and emergency contact are unable to be contacted then appropriate medical attention will be sought.

REFERENCE

Te Whāriki: Well Being Goal 1, 2 & 3

Nga Kupu Oranga - Healthy Messages, Ministry of Health.

Education (Early Childhood Services) Regulations 2008 (Reg46/HS23, HS24,HS27)