

Important Reminders about Medication, Illness, Immunisation and Infectious Diseases

Medication

- any child requiring medication needs to have a medication form completed by the parent/guardian.
- All medication brought to the centre needs to be placed in the locked medication box in the child's room
 or kitchen if requiring refrigeration.
- All medication requires a pharmacy label stating the child's name and dosage requirements.
- The first dose of any medication will not be administered by a staff member.
- No more than 2 doses of a prescription medication will be administered to a child throughout the day.

Immunisation

- Whilst being non-immunised does not prevent your child from being enrolled at the centre please be aware that if there is an outbreak of a vaccine preventable disease at the centre your child may be excluded from care for the duration of the outbreak.
- If your child is due for their next immunisation they must be absent from care for a minimum of 24hrs from the time of receiving their immunisation.
- If you receive CCB and you do not keep your child's immunisations up to date will have their CCB cancelled by Centrelink.

Illness and Infectious Diseases

- If your child has a temperature of 38° or higher you will be notified and if deemed necessary asked to collect your child.
- Any child suffering from Vomiting or Diarrhoea are to be excluded from care. We ask that there be a minimum of 24hrs absence from care from the last instance of either symptom.
- If live head lice are found on your child you will be contacted and asked to collect your child. They can be returned to the centre was their hair has been properly treated.
- A clearance letter is required for your child to attend the centre if:
 - * they have recently had an infectious disease requiring exclusion
 - * they have rash or spots that are suspect

To save time and frustration for parents we ask that if your child suffers eczema or has allergic reactions resulting in rashes, ask your doctor for a letter stating this so we can keep it on file. If you are at the doctors always go with the motto that it is always better to ask for a clearance letter.

Whilst we understand that taking time off may be difficult we ask that all parents use their better judgement when it comes to sending their child to care if they are unwell. If we all work together we can help to minimise the spread of infection.