

1.5 Exclusion from Care

Background

Parents, staff and visitors to childcare Services need to cooperate to ensure anyone entering the Service is in good health so that the possibility of infections spreading to others is minimized, work together to encourage positive behaviors and ensure administrative practices are achieved.

Policy statement

The Centres reserves the right to refuse or withdraw children from care, temporarily or permanently, for the following reasons:

- Non-payment of fees (fees are to be paid in full each fortnight). See Policy 1.7
- Inappropriate behaviour on the part of a child.
- Inappropriate behaviour on the part of a parent/guardian or representative.
- Children with contagious or communicable diseases.
- Children with additional needs for whom appropriate care, supervision or facilities are not available.
- Children who have not been immunised.
- Children who are visibly unwell and or have a temperature over 38 deg. C, for over 1 hour after being administered Panadol.
- Children, who have been given Panadol for 3 consecutive days, need to have a medical clearance before returning to the centre. Refer to administration of medication policy for more details.
- Children who have an unexplained rash, a medical clearance will need to be given before returning to the centre.

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Responsibilities of parents

- To ensure fees are paid weekly and up to date at all times
- To provide, if requested, a medical certificate verifying that the child who has been unwell has sufficiently recovered to return to the Service.
- To encourage appropriate behaviour with children
- To display appropriate behaviour when at the centre.
- To keep unwell children away from the Service.
- To remain away from the Service when they themselves are unwell.
- To arrange prompt collection of their unwell child if contacted by the Service.
- To inform the Service at any time their child has been exposed to an infectious disease.

Links to other policies

- Enrolment and Orientation Policy
- Immunisation for Children and Staff Policy
- Incident, Injury, Trauma and Illness Policy

Sources

- Education and Care Services National Regulations 2011.
- Guide to the National Quality Standard 2011.
- National Health and Medical Research Council. (2012). *Staying Healthy: Preventing infectious diseases in early childhood education and care services*. 5th edition.
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- Public Health Act 2005.
- Queensland Health. (2010). *Time Out Poster*.
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Further reading and useful websites

- Centre for Community Child Health – <http://www.rch.org.au/home/>
- Immunise Australia Program – <http://www.immunise.health.gov.au/>
- National Health and Medical Research Council – <http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/>
- NCAC. (2011). *NCAC Factsheet for Families: Immunisation and child care*.
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