

# Hendon Preschool

## Health and Safety Policy



### Quality Area 2 – Children’s Health and Safety

### Regulation 168 of the Education and Care Services National Law and National Regulations

The Preschool aims to provide a healthy and safe environment for the physical and emotional wellbeing of all children and the educators.

It can be common for young children to experience illness from time to time in early childhood and the onset of symptoms can develop rapidly.

We ask that you please keep your child at home if they are experiencing illness or have an infectious disease.

Children will be excluded from Preschool when:

- They have a low grade fever of (37.5 or above).
- Have cold like symptoms (e.g. have a green runny nose and/or a persistent cough).
- Are deemed to be too unwell to cope with the normal routine.
- They are regarded as a health or safety risk to others.
- Has a contagious illness or symptom (i.e. head lice or conjunctivitis).
- They have been vomiting within the last 24 hours.
- They have had diarrhoea within the last 24 hours.
- The child has an infectious disease.
- If your child requires antibiotics, please refer to our *Administration of authorised medication policy*.

In any of these cases, the child will be removed from the other children and supported by an educator. The child’s parents/caregivers will be notified by phone and the child will need to be collected immediately. If the parents/caregivers are unable to be contacted, the emergency contacts listed on the enrolment form will then be phoned to come and collect the child.

If a child becomes unwell at the Preschool, an educator will record it on an Incident, Injury, Trauma and Illness report form and provide this to families for signature. The signed form is kept in the child’s file and a copy is provided to the family if requested.

Families will:

- Advise the preschool, as soon as practical, if their child is absent or has an infectious disease.

Educators will:

- Notify families if there is an outbreak of an infectious disease.

Any incident involving serious illness, injury or trauma to a child, emergency services will be contacted.

For further information, please refer to the exclusion recommendations from SA Health

**Review every 3 years**