

Rationale

To ensure that the health and wellbeing of each child is protected by minimising the risk of spread of infectious diseases in Ko Taku Reo Preschool. Infection can spread easily in places where people gather. Preschool will take steps to ensure that any person, child, or adult, suffering from a disease listed in Appendix 2: Infectious diseases for criterion HS26, will be excluded from the pre-school.

Objective

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

Procedure

In the event of an infectious person:

1. Staff will use the Ministry of Health childhood illness chart located on the preschool kitchen wall to detect an infectious disease or illness.
2. Where a person is found to be presenting symptoms of infectious and notifiable disease, (see list of notifiable diseases), staff will:
 - a. follow the illness procedure AND
 - b. the child will be excluded from the pre-school until such time that they are no longer infected or infectious, as confirmed by a medical practitioner or a family member.

Appendices:

- Infectious Diseases: information and exclusion list (February 2022)

Related: Procedures:

- Child Illness procedure
- Immunisation procedure

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