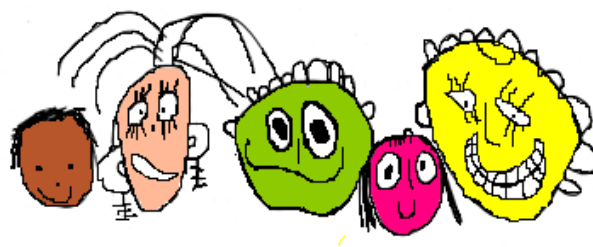


## Hamilton Community Pre-School

*"Where discoveries, learning and fun connect."*



### Information Sheets for Parents

# Illness Management

When groups of children play and learn together, illness and disease can spread from one child to another, even when recommended hygiene and infection control practices are followed. When a child is ill, they require more attention and comfort which places extra pressure on child care professionals to maintain ratios and effectively interact with other children, while simultaneously meeting the needs of an unwell child.

Families may find it difficult to decide when their child is too sick to attend Preschool. It can often be challenging to meet the needs of an unwell child and their family while ensuring that other children, families and child care professionals are protected from infectious illnesses

At preschool we attempt to minimise the spread and risk of infectious diseases. By using standard infection control procedures we will reduce the occurrence and risk of common colds and other childhood illnesses. We all have a responsibility in prevention-

- by parents keeping sick children at home,
- by educators staying home when sick
- by children learning and using correct sneeze and cough etiquette.
- by educators keeping toys and furniture clean
- by parents not giving children over the counter medicines before coming to preschool
- by children and educators washing hands.

Educators will call parents if children are unwell and request that they be picked up immediately. More information can be found [here](#) in regards to managing illness in childcare.



**Try Again In 24 Hours**

- Fever above 37.5c
- Hard Cough
- Constant runny nose
- Diarrhoea or vomiting
- Undiagnosed Rashes
- Uncovered Sores
- Unusual Colour
- Sore throat or swollen glands

**Join Us if Parents can be on call**

- Fever Free for 24 Hours
- Sporadic Cough
- Minimal runny nose

**Okay to come in and play!**

- Mild, infrequent cough
- Clear Runny nose
- Active, Playful and rested

## Keep Me Home If...



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### When Your Child is Sick:

1. Have plans for back up child care.
2. Tell your caregiver what is wrong with your child, even if your child stays home.