

Hamilton Community Pre-School

"Where discoveries, learning and fun connect"



Information Sheets for Parents:

Illness Management

National Quality Standard – Quality Area 2

Element 2.1.2 – Health Practices and Procedures – Effective illness and injury management and hygiene practices are promoted and implemented.

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 educators 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 Pre-School. It can often be challenging to meet the needs of an unwell child and their family while ensuring that other children, families and educators are protected from infectious illnesses.

At Pre-School 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,
- educators staying home when sick
- children learning and using correct sneeze and cough etiquette.
- educators keeping toys and furniture clean
- parents not giving children over the counter medicines before coming to Pre-School
- 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](#)