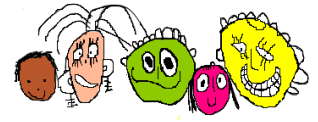


Hamilton Community Pre-School

"Where discoveries, learning and fun connect"



Information Sheets for Parents:

Hand Washing on Arrival

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.

Parents, children, educators and visitors are encouraged to wash their hands upon arrival at Hamilton Community Pre-School.

Microscopic living things (known as germs) are all around us. Some of these germs can cause disease and sickness in people. We are trying to eliminate the spread of infection and reduce the number of sick children and educators at our centre.

The way in which a germ spreads is known as its mode of transmission. The modes of transmission that are most likely to affect education and care services are:

- Coughing or sneezing (droplet transmission)
- Direct contact (contact transmission)

If we can break the mode of transmission, we will reduce the spread of infections. The most important ways to break the spread of infection and stop the spread of diseases are:

- effective hand hygiene
- exclusion of ill children, educators, parents and siblings
- immunisation.
- Other strategies to prevent infection include:
 - cough and sneeze etiquette
 - appropriate use of gloves
 - PPE
 - effective environmental cleaning

Although the best way is to keep sick children at home, (this also includes sick parents and siblings) we have set up a hand sanitiser at the entrance of the centre. We encourage everyone to wash their hands before entering our Pre-School. Hand Sanitisers have been proven to increase hand hygiene in education and care services. They are a fast and effective way to remove germs that may have been picked up outside of the centre. It takes a few second to use; all you need is ONE squirt, Rub all over your hands (front, back, between the fingers) until dry.