Policy 2.12

Illness

The Two Wells Community Children's Centre aims to provide a healthy environment for the children and staff in our care.

The exclusion from the Centre of children with a communicable disease is at times necessary to maintain a healthy environment for the other children and staff in our care.

If the child/staff member has two loose bowel actions and/or vomiting episodes in the day whilst at the Centre, their parents/caregivers/emergency contacts will be asked to collect them as soon as possible.

If a child and or staff member has had diarrhoea and/or has vomited, the Centre policy is that they do not attend the Centre for 24 hours since the last bout of diarrhoea or vomiting.

The Centre maintains the right for staff to use their discretion when deciding if a child needs to be sent home if more than two bowel actions or vomiting has occurred in the preceding 24 hours. If a staff member believes that a child is ill, they will consult with another staff member and together with this second opinion, decide if the child needs to be sent home.

Staff will contact the Public Health Department on 8226 7177 when infectious diseases occur, as stated in the “Staying Healthy in Childcare’ manual. (Page 38).

Please refer to “Children’s Health and Wellbeing’ for further illness policies.

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