

SIGNS TO LOOK OUT FOR

- Diarrhea and/ Vomiting—children should not return to school until parents/caregivers are sure this has completely stopped.
- Chicken pox or sores covering large parts of the body
- Infected colds—where there is green/yellow mucus discharged through a cough or runny nose.
- Conjunctivitis—sticky eye with discharge
- High temperature or fever

Parents and caregivers should always seek attention from their doctor or medical professional on any symptoms or behaviours that are unusual for their child.



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Health and Illness Policy



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All children will experience some level of sickness from time to time. Sickness in school can be problematic as it can spread and linger in the setting. Children who are sick are also often not able to fully participate in school activities.

While sickness can be part of growing up, it can create additional concerns for children who have a limited immune response or have additional needs.

Errington SEC is not equipped to deal with children who are sick.

In order to ensure we provide a safe and healthy environment parents need to be aware of the following illness policy guidelines.

If your child is unwell

- Please notify Errington SEC if your child is unwell and going to be away if possible by 9:30am
- If your child has an infectious illness (ie: chicken pox, measles, eye infections, diarrhoea) please inform us. Some children in our care have suppressed immunity and may need additional care after being in contact with these diseases.
- Exclusion periods for infectious illnesses vary, your GP or Pharmacist will be able to advise you on how long they should be away from school.
- If your child is deemed to be unwell while at school, parents/caregivers will be notified. You will be asked to collect your child from school.
- Please ensure your contact details with the school are up to date and that an alternative/emergency contact has been supplied.
- If your child is too sick to attend school activities such as swimming, PE, or need a nap/ additional support it is best that they are kept home.



Medication

Staff cannot administer any medication on site unless a medication authority form has been completed by the doctor or specialist. This also includes non-prescriptive treatments (ie: paracetamol and topical creams)

Some children may require regular medication during school times, medication authority forms can be provided by staff and should be completed by your child's GP as soon as possible.

Some medication needs to be kept at school, (ie: asthma inhalers, epi-pen, intranasal midazolam). A dose that can be kept at school at all times should be provided at the start of the school year. Parents/caregivers should ensure that there is a lengthy expiry date on these medications. These medications will be either kept in child-safe, locked cupboards, or may be carried by a staff member with the child at all times.