**Health Policy**

Please keep us informed of any medical conditions or allergies, including infectious diseases such as chicken pox. We ask that you complete a form (provided to you when your child is enrolled), which will give us more specific information relating to your child's medical condition. We would also appreciate a phone call if your child is going to be absent for any reason.

If your child has any communicable disease e.g. head lice or school sore, please notify the centre as soon as possible so we can alert other parents. Your confidentiality is assured. More details of our Health policy are available in the parent library borrowing area for reading.

**Standard Precautions**

Our centre has policies and practices in place to prevent cross infection from blood borne diseases, including HIV and Hepatitis B & C. Staff use latex gloves when applying band-aids and handling blood spills. Children are taught about the safe handling of blood at kindergarten and the main points include:-

- Bloods carry viruses that can make us very sick
- All cuts and skin breaks need to be covered
- It isn’t safe to handle anyone else’s blood
- It is safe to handle your own blood, you can put your hand on it to stop the bleeding
- Children are encouraged to apply their own Band-Aid when the need arises