



TEETHING POLICY

RATIONALE:

Teething can be a large part of development and life for infants and toddlers. This can have a significant impact on our program and the children and teachers in the environment. A supportive partnership between parents and teachers is important to minimise any negative experiences for children.

TE WHĀRIKI:

Well-being – Goal 1. Children experience an environment where their health is promoted

PROCEDURES:

- Parents will provide teething remedies for their child as required, relaying all information to teaching staff which will be documented in the teacher's daily notebook found in main room.
- Teachers will administer prescribed pain relief for children in accordance with our Medicines Policy, **NO** signature **NO** medicine.
- Paracetamol or pamol/paracare will only be administered for a 24hr period before clearance from a doctor is requested to rule out the possibility that such pain relief could be masking the symptoms of something more severe.
- Teachers require open communication with parents to ensure information regarding what pain relief has been administered to children prior to the child's attendance each day.
- In case where the pain from teething is so intense it impacts the child's ability to fully participate in the program, the staff reserve the right to request a parent call and collect their child and keep them at home until they are well.

CONSULTATION:

- Who? Families/whanau
- How? Written and discussion
- When?

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