

## **Guideline for Managing Illness in Children**

To ensure the health and well-being of all who attend HBLN Home Education WA Events, parents have a duty of care to ensure that they and their children do not attend activities or events if they or any of their children are unwell. Every effort should be made to minimise the spread of infection by:

- Members/participants, both adults and children staying at home in the early stages of illness when they are most likely to be shedding the virus or bacteria through coughing and sneezing;
- parents seeking medical advice if their child has ongoing symptoms of illness;

If you discover that you and/or your children are unwell with any transmissible ailment including nits, you must advise the Event Organiser(s) via email (or phoning if and where necessary) as soon as possible so that others may take the necessary precautions and actions to satisfy themselves.

An outline of preventative strategies for preventing transmission of disease and recommendations for cleaning the environment can be obtained from “Staying healthy in Child Care” a government publication that provides comprehensive information about the management of a range of common childhood diseases

[www.nhmrc.gov.au/publications/synopses/ch43syn.htm](http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/publications/synopses/ch43syn.htm)

Many of the childhood infectious diseases require children/adults to be excluded from organized activities for a recommended period of time. For common symptoms and signs of infections in young children see Communicable Diseases Guide - Appendix 2.

For more information on Communicable Diseases and safe practices see

<http://www.public.health.wa.gov.au/cproot/471/2/cd-guidelines-2012.pdf>