



INFECTION CONTROL

(This is one component of our Child Safe Environment Policies)

AIM

The Management and staff will provide an environment where infection risks are minimised for both staff and children.

PROCEDURE

The following practises are followed within the preschool.

- All staff will be given information on correct hand-washing techniques.
- Tap handles, bathroom areas and toilets will be cleaned following each routine bathroom transition, when necessary and at days end.
- The toilet floor is disinfected daily.
- Children will be encouraged to learn thorough hand-washing skills as part of the educational program.
- Hand washing facilities include soap dispensers, taps and paper towel for the children's use
- Children will be encouraged to blow their noses, cover their mouths while coughing and to wash their hands after each occasion.
- Children will be encouraged to cough into their elbow joint to prevent cross infection.
- Children and staff will wash hands:
 - On arrival
 - Before eating and preparing food.
 - After toileting
 - After nose wiping
- The preschool will be cleaned thoroughly between change of days.
- The cups are washed by the children and/or staff and rinsed in a commercial grade food sanitiser. The cups and utensils are hot water washed and rinsed between groups.
- The staff will disinfect the toys regularly.
- The staff will purchase toys and equipment easy to clean and maintain.
- The staff will
 - use detergent and water for general cleaning.
 - Use hot water and detergent before and after all food surfaces are used.
 - Use a colour coded system for buckets and cloths when cleaning and following infection control procedures.
- Staff will treat all body secretions as suspect and wear gloves when dealing with such.
- The staff will seal the gloves and tissues in a plastic bag for disposal.
- Wipes and hand sanitiser are provided and used when away from water and soap access.
- Hands washing poster is displayed in the bathroom
- When supporting children with nose wiping staff to use gloves and/or tissues and wash hands before and after.
- Staff will support children with toileting. Staff (using rubber gloves) will wash soiled clothes with disinfected water and rinse before placing in a plastic bag in the child's bag (if not hung out to dry).
- When an outbreak of infectious diseases occurs, as per the NSW Health Guidelines, the centre must contact Parents/Guardians or an Authorised Nominee of each child at the service as soon as practicable.
- The health department must be notified in accordance with the NSW health guideline of Infectious diseases.
- All Health orders and guidelines above practise will be adhered to and displayed for all staff and stakeholders.

- *A notifiable disease is any disease that is required by law to be reported to government agencies. The reporting allows the authorities to monitor the disease and prevent its spread. Further information and specific conditions which need to be monitored and reported can be found via the nhmrc.gov.au website 'Staying healthy: Preventing infectious diseases in early childhood education and care services'*