

Both children and adults in the pre-school are required to ensure a healthy environment by preventing the spread of germs through effective handwashing. These practices are built into the daily routine of the pre-school.

Mealtimes:

Before mealtimes the children are directed to wash their hands. Generally, they are sent from mat-time to wash their hands individually and supported by the person on the toileting roster

One staff member will accompany the children to ensure that each child pulls up their shirt sleeves

- each child uses the foam soap provided
- they rinse and dry their hands with the paper towels provided
- staff can draw the children's attention to the wall-chart showing effective hand-washing techniques
- adults will also wash their hands to ensure they are clean when handling food and to model hygienic hand-washing techniques.

Toileting:

Staff will teach children to wash their hands after using the toilet. This will begin when they are still in nappies. After changing a nappy the staff member will wash their hands alongside the children.

Other times children will need to wash their hands:

- after touching animals
- after messy play
- after blowing their nose

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