

## Hygiene and infection control procedure

### Rationale

Preschool operates with a maximum of 30 children aged 2 to 5 years. Illness can spread rapidly in such group sizes and proximity. Measures to prevent the spread of illness or infection protect the larger group if a child is unwell.

### Washing sick or soiled children

When a child is soiled or has vomited, the following procedure will be used:

The child will be taken by the nearest adult to the children's bathroom.

- A shower tub is available for showering the child.
- Any adults assisting the child will use disposable gloves.
- Any soiled clothing will be placed into a plastic bag, double bagged and placed into the child's bag.
- Any towels or pre-school items used to clean the child will be placed in the 'Soiled Linen' bucket in the laundry and washed separately.
- The shower tub will be sprayed with disinfectant once the child's needs are met.

### Cleaning the environment after a child has been sick or has soiled

- Another adult may be directed to clean the area where the child was found. The adult will wear disposable gloves.
- Grey water will be disposed of in the sink in the laundry.
- Any items used to clean up will then be placed in the 'Soiled Linen' bucket in the laundry and washed separately.

### Toy and resource cleaning

The procedure for cleaning toys and resources are as follows:

- All resources will be cleaned periodically throughout the term. Refer to cleaning chart.
- Any resources that are put into a child's mouth or other unhygienic area will be removed and put in Dirty toys bin to be washed end of the day.

Cleaning may be achieved using the following methods:

- Items placed in the dishwasher in a laundry bag.
- Items placed in the washing machine.
- Items washed by hand in the kitchen, preschool sink or in the laundry sink.

## Cleaning the environment

### Daily

- At the end of each session, staff ensure that floors can be cleaned by packing away resources. Cleaners are employed to clean daily. Cleaners are responsible for vacuuming, mopping floors, cleaning the toilets and basins, and emptying bins.
- Surfaces are wiped down. Yellow cloths for food surfaces, green cloths for art and dough areas. Floor rags and towels are available for mopping up spills on floors.

### At the end of each term undertaken by cleaners

- Carpets are cleaned.
- Windows and surfaces are wiped down.

### Related procedures:

- Child illness procedure.
- Toileting procedure.
- Hand-washing procedure.
- Immunisation procedure.
- Laundry procedure

## Appendix

### Cleaning chart

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