

Honeypot Under Fives Centre

Hygiene

Statutory Framework – 3.48-3.50

The Manager and staff are committed to taking all practicable steps to prevent and control the spread of infectious germs, and to uphold high standards of personal hygiene to minimise the risk of catching or spreading infections.

Covid-19

A separate policy relating to the Covid-19 pandemic is in place and will be regularly updated in line with the government guidelines.

Personal Hygiene

In all circumstances, staff will adhere to the following examples of good personal hygiene:

- Washing hands before and after handling food and drink
- Washing hands after using the toilet
- Encouraging children to adopt these same routines
- Covering cuts and abrasions while at the premises
- Keeping long hair tied back
- Taking any other steps that are likely to minimise the spread of infections

Hygiene in the setting

The manager and all the staff will be vigilant to any potential threats to good hygiene in the setting. To this end, a generally clean and tidy environment will be maintained always. More specifically, the Manager will ensure that toilets are cleaned daily and that there is always an adequate supply of soap and hand drying facilities for both staff and children. Staff will also be vigilant to any sharp objects, such as glass, which may be on the premises.

Dealing with Spillages

Spillages of substances likely to result in the spread of infections will be dealt with rapidly and carefully. Blood, vomit, urine and faeces will be cleaned up immediately and disposed of safely and hygienically. Staff will wear disposable plastic gloves and an apron while using bleach or disinfectant solution, and wash themselves thoroughly afterwards. Children will be kept well clear while such substances are being dealt with.

First Aid and Hygiene

Further to the provisions set out in the Illness and Injury policy, any member of staff will be mindful of the need to observe the highest standards of personal hygiene when administering any treatment to children. As such, they will wash their hands thoroughly both before and after giving first aid, and ensure that plasters or disposable gloves cover any cuts, wounds or skin damage.

Nappy changing procedure

- Check all appropriate equipment is clean and ready for use
- Always wear an apron and disposable gloves. Gloves and aprons should be changed after each nappy change
- Use the child's own nappies and wipes provided by the parents
- Place soiled nappies and gloves in a nappy bag and place in the waste bin provided
- Wipe down the changing area with the anti-bacterial wipes provided
- Wash hands after each nappy change

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