

Dunlop Early Childhood Centre Prevention of Infection



Infection Prevention

Infection prevention and control in childcare settings involves carrying out risk assessments and putting measures in place to manage any risks identified these should be reviewed and updated regularly

(For more information on risk assessments, visit www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/raindex.htm)

In Dunlop ECC, we safeguard wellbeing and minimise the risk and spread of infection by employing the following measures:

- Toys and resources are cleaned ongoing on a regular basis.
- Outdoor clothing is laundered regularly.
- Food hygiene is implemented and fridge temperatures are recorded daily.
- Ensure staff and/or children with symptoms of an infectious disease do not attend the childcare setting.
- We adhere to the guidelines from EAC and Ayrshire and Arran Health Board and department of Health on common communicable diseases.
- Parents/carers are immediately informed of outbreaks of chicken pox as necessary.
- Children are taught and supported to maintain high levels of personal hygiene with frequent handwashing.
- All staff follow procedures for accidents and first aid.
- We plan ahead when arranging special days out or activities which involve animals and we ensure the appropriate Risk Assessments are carried out and shared with all staff.

Cleaning of the Environment

There are many areas in childcare settings with a high risk of germs being present e.g. toilets, nappy changing areas, food areas and kitchens. To minimise the spread of germs, our environment is kept as clean and dry as possible and staff understand their responsibilities in ensuring the environment and equipment are safe, clean and ready for use.

- We have a weekly cleaning schedule.
- We ensure the environment is clean before every session.
- We encourage staff and parents to raise their concerns about cleanliness.

Food Hygiene

It is a legal requirement that all food handlers are trained in food hygiene matters commensurate with their work activity and in Dunlop ECC, we ensure all staff have an up to date food hygiene certificate. We provide ongoing staff training for staff when necessary.

National Documentation We ensure all staff know and follow the document '**Infection Prevention and Control in Childcare Settings (Day Care and Childminding Settings)**'