

St. Angela's Nursery Class
PREVENTATION OF INFECTION POLICY

Rationale

To ensure that there are procedures and routines in place to prevent the spread of infection.

Statement

In St. Angela's Nursery Class, we ensure that the spread of infection is kept to a minimum by strictly following the correct procedures and routines using NHS, GCC and Care Inspectorate guidelines.

Key Establishment Procedure

- All areas for cooking or serving food are kept to a high standard of hygiene as stated by the food regulations.
- All areas and resources of the nursery are regularly cleaned to a high standard.
- The outside garden is inspected every day before children have access, to prevent injury or infection from foreign bodies.
- Staff maintain a high personal hygiene level at all times.
- To reduce infection, liquid soap and paper towels are used for all children.
- To promote good habits, children are supervised through the toileting and hand washing process.
- Toilets are cleaned and inspected regularly to maintain high cleanliness.
- Paper hankies are available and all children are encouraged to dispose of them in a bin & wash their hands.
- Children with infectious diseases are excluded, according to the Health Protection guidance, until they are fit to return.
- Children are excluded until 48 hours after diarrhoea and/or vomiting has stopped.
- Individual children's medicine is stored in a sealed container in the locked cupboard in the lunch/snack room.
- Families are notified to alert them of any outbreaks of infectious illnesses.
- Hand- washing sinks are situated within the playroom.

Roles and Responsibilities

Team Leader – To ensure that all staff, parents and users are aware of and are following the correct procedures.

Child Development Officers & Support for Learning Staff – To ensure that they are aware of and adhere to the Prevention of Infection Policy.

Key Documents

- Health & Social Care Standards (June 2017)
- GCC Guidelines on administration of medicine
- NHS guidelines on communicable diseases.
- St. Angela's Administration of Medicines policy.
- Exclusion Criteria for Childcare and Childminding Settings.
- Infection Prevention and Control in Childcare Settings.

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