

BALMALLOCH NURSERY CLASS



INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL POLICY

responsi**B**ility

gr**A**ttitude

BELIEVE IN YOURSELF

hu**M**ility and forgiveness

persever**A**nce

Love

ACHIEVE YOUR GOALS

h**O**nesty and gener**O**sity

respe**C**t

friends**H**ip & family

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Introduction:

It is the policy of Balmalloch Nursery Class to provide a happy and healthy environment for every child in our care. We take measures to prevent and minimise the spread of infection in our establishment. This policy outlines the measure put in place to minimise and manage the risk of infection by identifying potential risks and measures which can reduce them.

To help achieve this we work in partnership with parents and carers. In order to protect the health of the children and staff we will adhere to the following practices in line with the current guidelines.

Reducing the risks on infection:

- Our 'All About Getting it Right For Me' booklets allow parents/carers to share specific health issues and concerns which their child may have.
- Children are encouraged to follow good hygiene practices and wash their hands regularly throughout the session; before eating snack or lunch, after outdoor play, after using the toilet, after sneezing or coughing.
- Staff wearing appropriate PPE as and when required; changing children's nappies, contact with bodily fluids or supporting a child who has become unwell.
- Robust cleaning measures and protocols in place; with particular focus on high risk areas such as; toilets, nappy changing areas, food preparation areas and kitchen areas.
- Cleaning measures and protocols for all equipment and toys.

Vaccinations:

In the case of vaccine preventable diseases, the risk of infection can be significantly reduced if children are age appropriately immunised prior to entry, and continue to receive recommended vaccines at appropriate ages. We are aware that some children cannot have a vaccine administered for various reasons and we also have to respect the free choice of parents as to whether they have their child immunised. Therefore, no child will be refused a place at nursery if they have not been vaccinated.

Guidance from Infection Prevention and Control in Childcare Settings:

- Any child who is unwell should not attend regardless of whether they have a confirmed infection.
- Children with diarrhoea or vomiting should be excluded until they have no symptoms for 48 hours following their last onset.
- Children with unexplained rashes should be considered infectious until assessed by a doctor.
- Contact a member of the HPT if required for advice & always if an outbreak is expected.

For specific exclusion criteria please refer to:

[HPS Website - Infection Prevention and Control in Childcare Settings \(Day Care and Childminding Settings\) \(scot.nhs.uk\)](https://www.scot.nhs.uk/hps/inf-prevent-control-childcare/)

For other conditions the child may return when the doctor determines they are no health risk, in most cases the child may return to school/nursery once treatment has been given for a specific amount of time. We ask parents to contact the nursery immediately if one of the above diagnosis has been made.

Cleaning & Disinfection:

Contaminated surface, floors, toilets etc all may be vehicles that spread infection, therefore regular cleaning is very important and the nursery team, cleaners and janitor, in conjunction with the Authority Guidelines, will co-operate to achieve the highest possible standards in this.

Our nursery is cleaned by our cleaner, every night, after the children leave. All nursery staff are responsible for ensuring cleaning protocols are adhered to and recorded throughout the session.

All areas must be cleaned with antibacterial spray. Resources which can be cleaned with in Milton solution are cleaned weekly. All areas are cleaned and disinfected between the A.M. and P.M. session. Toucan spray is also used to fog all resources and touchpoints. All cutlery and crockery are placed into the dishwasher and cleaned at 50 degrees.

Staff will pull out 1 area per week for a deep clean.

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