



The nursery has a duty to protect the health, safety and welfare of all users and employees as well as a duty of care. In addition to this, the prevention and control of infection is essential in helping to establish a safe and secure environment in which children can learn and develop through play.

Minimise sources of contamination

- We will ensure nursery staff have a Food Hygiene Certificate or other training in food handling.
- We store food that requires refrigeration, covered and dated within a refrigerator, at a temperature of 5 degrees C or below.
- We wash hands before and after handling food.
- We clean and disinfect food storage and preparation areas.
- Food is bought from reputable sources and used by recommended date.

To control the spread of infection

- We ensure good hand washing procedures (toilet, handling animals, soil, food)
- Children are encouraged to blow and wipe their own noses when necessary and to dispose of the soiled tissues hygienically.
- We keep a record of the washing of equipment.
- Ensure different cloths and towels are kept for different areas.
- We cover all cuts and open sores.
- We wear protective clothing when dealing with accidents. (e.g. gloves and apron)
- A protocol is in place that is followed regarding contact with blood and bodily fluids.
- Gloves and apron worn
- Soiled articles sealed in a double plastic bag and placed in a sealed bin.
- Staff aware of procedures for the prevention of HIV infection

To prevent the persistence and further spread of infection

- Ensure that separate sinks are used for different purposes.
- Be vigilant as to signs of infection persisting or recurring
- Ask parents to keep their child at home if they have an infection, and to inform the nursery as to the nature of the infection.
- Remind parents not to bring a child to nursery who has been vomiting or had diarrhoea until at least 48 hours has elapsed since the last attack.
- Seek advice from Health Visitor and School Nurse where relevant.
- HT will seek advice for any infections that may pose a health risk to others, then the nursery will follow protocol.

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