



Infection Control Policy

Viruses and infections can easily be passed from person to person by breathing in air containing the virus, which is produced when an infected person talks, coughs or sneezes. It can also spread through hand/face contact after touching a person or surface contaminated with viruses.

The best way to prevent a virus or infection from moving around the setting environment is to maintain high hygiene standards in the setting. To do this we will follow the guidance below:

- Encourage all children to use tissues when coughing or sneezing to catch germs
- Ensure all tissues are disposed of in a hygienic way and all children and staff wash their hands once the tissue is disposed of
- All children and adults to wash hands every 20 minutes
- Develop children's understanding of the above and the need for good hygiene procedures in helping them to stay healthy
- Staff will wear the appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) when changing nappies, toileting children and dealing with any other bodily fluids. Staff are requested to dispose of these in the provided waste bins containing yellow bags and wash hands thoroughly and immediately
- All potties and changing mats are cleaned and sterilised before and after each use
- Toilets are cleaned daily and checked throughout the day- see toilet checklists
- Staff are to remind children to wash their hands before eating, after visiting the toilet, playing outside or being in contact with any animal and explain the reasons for this.
- All toys, equipment and resources will be cleaned on a regular basis with antibacterial cleanser or through washing in the washing machine
- All equipment used by babies and toddlers will be washed or cleaned as and when they need it – this includes when they children have placed it in their mouth
- Dummies will be stored in children's bags or individual dummy pots, labelled with the child's name to prevent cross contamination with other children
- Toothbrushes (where applicable) will also be stored hygienically to prevent cross contamination
- If a dummy or bottle falls on the floor or is picked up by another child, this is cleaned immediately and sterilised using boiling water
- Individual bedding will be used by children. This will be washed after every use and not used for any other children
- All staff and children will be required to wear specific indoor shoes or slippers whilst inside the rooms, where applicable
- When children are ill, we will follow the sickness and illness policy to prevent the spread of any infection in the setting. Staff are also requested to stay at home if they are contagious

- The Nursery Manager retains the right of refusal of all children, parents, carers, staff and visitors who are deemed contagious and may impact on the welfare of the rest of the setting
- Parents/Carers will be made aware of the need for these procedures in order for them to follow these guidelines whilst in the setting
- Periodically each room in the setting will be deep cleaned, including carpets and soft furnishings, to ensure the spread of infection is limited. This will be implemented earlier if the need arises
- Sunnydale Nursery Ltd will ensure stocks of tissues, hand washing equipment, cleaning materials and sterilising fluid or tablets are maintained at all times and increased during the winter months or when flu and cold germs are circulating
- Parents are asked to check their children's temperature before attending Nursery to ensure it is not above 37.8 degrees or greater due to Covid-19
- If children seem warm or under the weather we will carry out temperature checks at nursery to ensure it is not exceeding 37.8 (Covid-19)