

INFECTION CONTROL POLICY

PRINCIPLE

The infection control policy has been put in place to ensure the health and safety of all the children within Primrose Hill. We also feel that it is vital to practice this procedure to ensure that staff members also have a healthy and clean environment to work in.

STATEMENT OF INTENT

Primrose Hill believe:

- Each child has the right to develop within a clean environment
- Primrose Hill must hold a high standard of hygiene
- No hazardous cleaning materials are kept within the nursery's premises, which could harm children or staff
- As this is such a large part of the nursery's practice it is the manager who is responsible to oversee the running and to ensure a high level of standard of infection control is followed through

PROCEDURE

- If a child within the setting has two cases of diarrhoea or vomiting their parents will be contacted and asked to collect him/her, the child will not be able to return to the until unless they have had 48 hours clear of vomiting or diarrhoea
- If any child must be excluded from the nursery for several days due to infectious disease or condition this is kept confidential within the setting. Please refer to the chart displayed on the notice board for exclusion periods for certain diseases
- Children's clothing or belongings which have been accidentally soiled must be double bagged and sent home to parents
- Hand washing procedures are displayed above each sink within Primrose Hill and staff must follow this and encourage and assist children in learning the proper hand washing technique
- All cleaning materials and equipment are kept within a locked cupboard. The nursery primarily uses Milton Solution to clean and sterilise equipment
- Rooms have their own supply of colour coded cloths and mop/mop buckets.



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- Cleaning checklists are displayed within each room and in general areas within the setting. Certain cleaning duties are signed off each day and at the end of the week. This is checked by the manager weekly and filed appropriately
- All information relating to infection control is included in our main Nursery risk assessment and COSHH risk assessment.
- Any animals which are brought into the nursery are done so as an educational opportunity. They will be accompanied by their owner. If the children touch the animals, then the appropriate hand washing procedure will be carried out. A risk assessment will be completed accordingly.
- Other policies may co-exist with this policy such as Health and Safety, Child/adult illness, confidentiality
- Latest guidance (Feb 2021) has now been recently updated to include should a staff member wish to wear PPE they are free to do so. This is following any updates from Public Health which we adhere to.



Illness

In general terms children who are unwell should not attend nursery. Not only do they need the peace and comfort of their own home and parental attention, but also other adults and children need to be protected from infections. Any child who falls ill whilst at nursery will be sent home as soon as possible. The manager reserves the right to make an individual judgement on the wellbeing of any child whilst in our care. Following are the illness/communicable disease list supplied for your information on minimum periods of exclusion from the nursery.

Disease/ illness	Minimal Exclusion Period
New antibiotic prescribed	First 24 hours at home.
Vomiting and/or Diarrhoea	If sent home child must be off for 48hours – until able to tolerate a light diet, unless accompanied by a doctor's note.
Conjunctivitis	First 24 hours at home.
Chickenpox	7days from appearance of rash.
Measles	7days from appearance of rash.
Mumps	Min. 7 days and until swelling away.
Rubella	4 days from the appearance of the rash.
Meningococcal Infection	Until recovered from illness,
Scarlet fever	3 days from start of treatment
Impetigo	Until skin has cleared.
Hand, foot and mouth	2-3 days (After fever has gone)

Any other illness should be checked with your doctor. If you feel your child requires a 1:1, we would appreciate if you would make alternative arrangement for this.



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If your child needs to be given medicine throughout the day, the parent needs to inform the manager or senior staff member when they arrive at nursery in the morning. The parent must fill in and sign the medical form, which gives your consent for medicine to be given.