



Infectious Diseases Policy

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Goals

Children's exposure to infectious diseases will be minimised by:

- Our preschool following all recommended guidelines from relevant authorities regarding the prevention of infectious diseases;
- promotion of practices that reduce the transmission of infection;
- the exclusion of sick children and staff;
- preschool support for routine child vaccination;
- High standards of personal hygiene and practice, particularly hand washing.
- Maintaining a clean environment by use of antibacterial soaps, wipes and sprays.

Hygiene Precautions

Normal hygiene precautions are aimed at the prevention and the control of any illness whether it originates from an infestation (e.g. worms), a bacterial or a viral source.

These infections include the normal childhood illnesses, Hepatitis B, Meningitis and food poisoning such as Salmonella and Listeria.

In order to prevent the spread of infectious diseases through interpersonal contact, our preschool will adhere to the exclusion period table published by the Department of Health.

www.nhmrc.gov.au/files/nhmrc/publications/attachments/ch43poster4.pdf

If a child or adult is diagnosed as suffering from a notifiable disease under the Health Protection (Notification) Regulations 2010, the GP will report this to the health Protection Agency. When the setting becomes aware, or is formally informed of the notifiable disease, the manager informs Ofsted and acts on any guidance given by the health Protection Agency.

Hixon Preschool aims to protect its children, staff and visitors from infections by providing the following practice guidelines: -

- Use different cleaning cloths for kitchen and tables and craft areas (colour coded). Wash and disinfect each week and renew 1/2 termly.
- Antibacterial soap to be used by all, antibacterial sprays used on table cleaning after activities and before food. Antibacterial wipes to be used in the bathroom areas.
- Wash hands before and after handling food and disinfect all work surfaces.

- Cover cuts, whether on adults or children, with sticking plaster or other dressing.
- Wipe up spills of blood, vomit or excrement and flush away down the toilet. Always use protective gloves when cleaning up spills of bodily fluids. Floors and other affected surfaces should be cleaned using disinfectant.
- Wrap soiled garments in polythene bags and secure to pass onto parent/carer, never rinsed by hand before bagging.
- We keep a large box of tissues to hand and encourage children to blow their noses when necessary. Make sure soiled tissues are disposed of hygienically; (put in the lidded bin provided). Hands washed after.
- Spitting should be discouraged.
- Encourage children to shield their mouths when coughing.
- We keep spare laundered pants and other clothing, available in case of accidents, we also ask parents to provide spare clothing in their child's bag.
- We keep an adequately stocked First Aid Box for the children in the kitchen which is checked every half term.
- Any piece of toy or equipment that comes into contact with bodily fluids is thoroughly washed. Any dough that has come into contact with saliva is disposed of.
- All toilet seats are cleaned with an antibacterial spray daily.
- All plastic drinking cups are sterilized weekly.
- Parents are encouraged to keep their child at home if they have a temperature, have vomited or had diarrhea in the previous 48 hours, or are suffering from any illness that could spread to other children.
- We have a cleaning rota in place to ensure all toys and equipment are cleaned regularly.
- Animals (Visiting) may be infectious so hands must be washed after handling animals.

REMEMBER THESE PRECAUTIONS ARE NECESSARY TO STOP THE SPREAD OF ANY INFECTION.

Covid-19 –please refer to separate policy

HIV and Aids

Aids stand for Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome. This is a condition in which the body's natural defenses are damaged by infection with a virus called HIV- Human Immunodeficiency Virus. You can only have AIDS if you are already HIV positive.

HIV is found in body fluids, especially in blood, semen and vaginal fluids. It only lives very briefly outside the body.

It is spread by infected person through sexual intercourse, sharing needles and syringes used to inject drugs and from pregnant mother to her baby during and



before birth or, very rarely, through breast feeding. Tears sweat and saliva contain only traces of the virus, and these bodily fluids have infected no one.

The HIV virus cannot be passed on by using the same lavatory, sharing cups or cutlery, touching or even kissing an infected person. Nor can it be transmitted through swimming or paddling pools.

-Guidance on Infection Control in schools and other childcare settings - published Sept 2014 used as reference.

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