



## **Dunnottar Nursery**

### **Health and Hygiene Policy**

#### **Policy Statement**

To ensure that we are providing a safe, secure and clean environment that implements best practice guidance we have various procedures that we follow. We want our children, staff and families to enjoy an environment that is clean, fresh and inviting. Promoting the interests of our children to explore, investigate, develop and learn from an inviting environment inside and out.

*Health and Social Care Standards My support, My life 2017, Scottish Government.* As part of being registered with the Care Inspectorate, we must comply with this document and illustrate the standards within our nursery.

5.17 My environment is secure and safe.

5.18 My environment is relaxed, welcoming, peaceful and free from avoidable and intrusive noise and smells.

5.19 My environment has plenty of natural light and fresh air, and the lighting, ventilation and heating can be adjusted to meet my needs and wishes.

5.22 I experience an environment that is well looked after with clean, tidy and well maintained premises, furnishings and equipment.

#### **Aims**

***Covid- 19 update – Additional cleaning procedures have been operational since August 2020. This information is documented in our Covid-19 Enhanced Cleaning Procedure.***

The purpose of this policy is to document what we are undertaking within our practice to achieve an environment that we all feel comfortable in and one that our children will be safe, happy and engaged in their play experiences.

*Children have the right to good quality health care – the best health care possible – to safe drinking water, nutritious food, a clean and safe environment, and information to help them stay healthy.* (United Nations Conventions on Rights of the Child - Article 24)

### **Daily**

- Any equipment found to be broken or faulty will be removed, repaired or disposed of.
- Clean any equipment which has been in contact with bodily fluids as per instruction in Health Protection Scotland Infection, May 2018
- Dishwasher loaded and emptied at end of each session. EYLP is responsible for checking that there is sufficient detergent.
- Dishes are dried with disposable paper roll.
- Fridge and freezer temperatures are recorded twice daily.
- Water tray emptied at the end of each session and washed with hot soapy water and dried thoroughly with paper towels.
- Toilet area/changing table is cleaned as per our Covid-19 cleaning schedule.
- Kitchen and toilet area bins are emptied as per our Covid-19 cleaning schedule. Bins in these areas are lined.

### **Weekly**

- Stock rotation of stored foods to ensure that expiration dates have not been passed.
- Fridge, freezer, oven, microwave, kettle, blender and toaster cleaned.
- Toys that are suitable to go through the dishwasher are washed in this way. Other toys are washed with hot soapy water and dried thoroughly before storing away.
- Toothbrush buses to be cleaned.
- Internal sand tray is cleaned weekly and the sand resources/equipment is cleaned between session

### **Termly**

- Freezer defrosted and cleaned.
- All large washable equipment is cleaned.

### **Policy Review**

This policy will be reviewed regularly and in response to accident, incident or change in National or Local policy or guidance.

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### **References**

*Health and Social Care Standards My support, My life, Scottish Government, 2017*

*Infection Prevention and Control in Childcare Settings (Day Care and Childminding Settings) Health Protection Scotland, May 2018.*