



Dunnottar Nursery

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Policy

Policy Statement

To maintain the health and hygiene of all staff and children, PPE is worn by staff to enable them to undertake certain procedures to reduce the potential for infection to spread. The effective use of PPE protects the health, safety and welfare of all users and employees as well as a duty of care. It also prevents the spread of infection.

Definition

PPE – Equipment a person wears to protect themselves against one or more risks to their health or safety, including exposure to infections. In a Nursery setting this would include single-use disposable gloves, aprons and fluid repellent surgical masks. All PPE used in setting is single use.

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.

3.14 I have confidence in people because they are trained, competent and skilled, are able to reflect on their practice and follow their professional and organisational codes.

4.11 I experience high quality care and support based on relevant evidence, guidance and best practice.

4.23 I use a service and organisation that are well led and managed.

4.27 I experience high quality care and support because people have the necessary information and resources.

Aims

The aims of this policy are to illustrate how we are considering the use of PPE within the routines and circumstances that can occur and how we respond to this e.g. our procedures as to when we use PPE. In response to the Covid-19 pandemic we have reviewed and updated our procedures to reflect the guidance issued by Health Protection Scotland.

The best interests of the child must be a top priority in all things that affect children. (United Nations Conventions on the Rights of the Child - Article 3: best interests of the child.)

Every child has the right to the best possible health. Governments must provide good quality health care, clean water, nutritious food and a clean environment so that children can stay healthy. Richer countries must help poorer countries achieve this. (United Nations Conventions on the Rights of the Child - Article 24: health and health services)

Procedures

- PPE is purchased from a reputable source and disposable gloves conform to British Standard EN 455 and/or carry the CE mark. This ensures that the product is to the required standard, the packaging is marked as single use.
- Staff are asked to consider the fit of the gloves to ensure that they are well fitting, comfortable and flexible. If another type/size of glove is required, then it will be purchased.
- All gloves are latex free.
- PPE is readily available to staff and is located at point of need. It is stored appropriately to prevent environmental contamination.
- PPE specifically gloves are stored in the original box to ensure identification of batch number and expiry date. The Medical and Healthcare products Regulatory Agent www.mhra.gov.uk is checked termly to ensure awareness of any safety alerts linked to gloves in use by setting.
- Staff follow the guidance produced by Health Protection Scotland regarding the order of putting on and removing PPE and to glove use. This information is displayed in the kitchen area and changing room.
- Staff receive training based on preventing infection in care produced by NHS Education Scotland with specific reference to PPE. This can be accessed through; [http://www.nes.scot.nhs.uk/education-and-training/by-theme-initiative/healthcare-associated-infections/training-resources/personal-protective-equipment-\(ppe\).aspx](http://www.nes.scot.nhs.uk/education-and-training/by-theme-initiative/healthcare-associated-infections/training-resources/personal-protective-equipment-(ppe).aspx)
- When dealing with blood or bodily fluids – PPE is worn, soiled articles are carefully placed into a disposable bag and disposed of in the nappy bin. Soiled nappies are bagged and disposed of in the nappy bin located in the changing room.
- Disposable aprons (white) are worn when preparing food. These are then disposed of in the bin located in the kitchen area. Disposable aprons (blue) and disposable gloves are worn when dealing with intimate care needs. These are disposed of in the nappy bin located in the changing room.
- Staff wash and dry their hands before putting PPE on and after removing it.
- The nappy bin is collected on a weekly basis by a contracted specialist waste service.
- Suspected Covid-19 – disposable gloves, apron and an IIR medical grade face mask will be worn when undertaking intimate care, food preparation and handling.
- IIR medical grade face mask, disposable gloves and an apron will be worn by staff when supporting a child who has suspected Covid-19 in our setting. If the staff member considers that there is a risk of splashes to their eyes, eye protection will be worn. Building management team will be contacted to arrange for cleaning services to undertake an enhanced clean of the areas involved.
- Intimate care – disposable gloves and apron to be worn during the care and for any environmental cleaning after. IIR medical grade face mask will be worn and eye protection if there is a risk of splashing.

Training

Staff have received training based on preventing infection in care produced by NHS Education Scotland with specific reference to PPE. This can be accessed through [http://www.nes.scot.nhs.uk/education-and-training/by-theme-initiative/healthcare-associated-infections/training-resources/personal-protective-equipment-\(ppe\).aspx](http://www.nes.scot.nhs.uk/education-and-training/by-theme-initiative/healthcare-associated-infections/training-resources/personal-protective-equipment-(ppe).aspx)

All staff have read and discussed the risk assessment (Specific Controls: Use of PPE)

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