



Infection Control Policy

At Loversall Farm Day Nursery we promote the good health of all children attending through maintaining high hygiene standards and reducing the chances of infection being spread. We follow the guidance given to us by Public Health England (formerly the Health Protection Agency) for schools and other child care settings which may be provided from time to time in relation to infection control for specific illnesses.

Viruses and infections can be easily 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 nursery environment is to maintain high standards of hygiene. To do this we will follow the guidance below:

- Encourage all children to use tissues when coughing and sneezing to catch all 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
- Develop children's understanding of the above by discussing 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 appropriate manner and wash hands immediately
- All potties and changing mats are cleaned and sterilised before and after each use
- Toilets are cleaned at least daily and checked throughout the day
- 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 by following a comprehensive cleaning schedules and using antibacterial cleanser or through washing in the washing machine
- All equipment used by babies and toddlers will be washed or cleaned regularly – this includes when the children have placed items in their mouth

- Dummies will be stored in individual hygienic dummy boxes labeled with the child's name to prevent cross-contamination with other children or stored in the children's bags
- If a dummy or bottle falls on the floor or is picked up by another child, this is cleaned immediately and sterilised where necessary
- Toothbrushes (where applicable) will also be stored hygienically to prevent cross-contamination following guidance from Public Health Doncaster
- Individual bedding will be used by children. Bedding will be laundered after every use. Clean bed lined will be provided each time a child is having a rest.
- Parents and visitors will be required to remove all outdoor footwear when entering the Baby Room where children may be crawling or sitting on the floor
- When children are ill, we will follow the sickness and illness policy to prevent the spread of infection in the nursery. Staff are also requested to stay at home if they are contagious
- The nursery manager retains the right of refusal of all children, parents, staff and visitors who are deemed contagious and may impact on the welfare of the rest of the nursery
- Parents will be made aware of the need for these procedures and follow such guidance whilst accessing the nursery
- Periodically each room in the nursery 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
- The nursery will ensure stocks of tissues, hand washing equipment, cleaning materials and sterilising fluid are always maintained and increased during the winter months or when flu, cold germs or other infectious diseases/virus' are circulating.

This policy was adopted on	7 September 2018
Signed on behalf of the nursery	
Signed by nursery owner	
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