



Infection Control

At Red Kite Schoolies 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 childcare settings and 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.

We follow the guidance below to prevent a virus or infection from moving around the setting. Our staff:

- Encourage all children to use tissues when coughing and sneezing to catch 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 and the need for good hygiene procedures in helping them to stay healthy
- Wear the appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) when helping toileting children and dealing with any other bodily fluids. Staff are requested to dispose of these in the appropriate manner and wash hands immediately
- Clean toilets at least daily and check them throughout the session
- 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
- Clean all toys, equipment, and resources on a regular basis by following a comprehensive cleaning rota and using antibacterial cleanser or through washing in the washing machine
- Follow the sickness and illness policy when children are ill to prevent the spread of any infection in the setting. Staff are also requested to stay at home if they are contagious.

In addition:

- The 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 setting
- Parents will be made aware of the need for these procedures for them to follow these guidelines whilst in the setting
- The setting 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 and cold germs are circulating.

Coronavirus update



We will continue to follow the up-to-date government guidelines.

This policy was adopted on	Signed on behalf of Schoolies	Date for review
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