



ROMPERS PRIVATE NURSERY

INFECTION CONTROL POLICY



Policy Statement:

At Rompers we have a duty to protect the health, safety, care and welfare of all children and employees. In addition to this, the prevention and control of infection is essential to establish a safe and secure environment.

Aims of this Policy:

- To minimise sources of contamination
- To control the spread of infection
- To raise awareness of hygiene procedures
- To prevent cross-contamination
- To prevent the persistence and further spread of infection

Procedures:

- Adhere to the requirements of the food and safety act
- Store food which requires refrigeration, covered and dated within a refrigerator at a temperature of 5°C or below
- Wash hands before and after handling food and elementary food hygiene
- Clean and disinfect designated food storage and preparation areas
- Access training in food handling
- Maintain and promote written procedures for hand washing
- Encourage children to wash their hands in clean water as a matter of routine after using the toilet or nappy changing and before snacks and meals
- Check that equipment is clean particularly where children may have put it in their mouths and follow cleaning rota for toy sterilising
- Provide colour coded cloths and towels in different areas
- Cover all cuts and open sores
- Wear protective clothing when dealing with accidents eg, gloves and apron (red apron for changing, white apron for food handling)
- Ensure a protocol is in place and followed regarding contact with blood and body fluids and the safe disposal of waste material
- Inform all attending staff of the existing policy and procedures
- Ensure that student induction includes this information
- Provide visual instructions where possible for the ease of understanding
- Ensure that adults and children use the separate toilet facilities provided
- Ensure that dedicated sinks and other areas are clearly marked
- Display the Public Health notice with information on the exclusion periods of communicable diseases
- Be vigilant as to signs of infection persisting or recurring

- Any soiled clothing or messy clothing is doubled bagged and a sticker is put on the bag with the child's name, date and type of accident. Parents are asked to wash these at home
- Sterilising of toys and equipment is done and recorded on a weekly basis or soon if required in all rooms
- Update information as received from local and national sources
- Staff complete sterilising with appropriate equipment and materials and complete weekly checklists when completed
- An exclusion period of 48 hours must be adhered to if child is suffering from sickness and diarrhoea
- Hand sanitiser is available in all rooms and should be used by staff when required. For example, after wiping noses, when touching dummies, bottle feeding etc. Please note that hand sanitiser is strictly not a replacement to hand washing.

Monitoring:

- Monitor the procedures regularly at Rompers
- Review on an annual basis or after a prolonged period of illness

Parents will be asked to sign when registering at Rompers to say that they have been fully informed that this policy is available in the parent policy folder in the cloakroom and available to view online at the nursery website.