

2.21 HYGIENE & INFECTION CONTROL STATEMENT

INTRODUCTION

It is important that educator's role-model positive health practices, and that children are appropriately supervised, assisted and encouraged in their daily health and hygiene routines. Education and care environments must be hygienically maintained to reduce the possible spread of infection and illnesses.

PURPOSE

- The school aims to maintain a healthy and hygienic environment for children, educators and families by providing professional cleaning services daily.
- The school will ensure that additional procedures are implemented to minimise the potential risk of disease and illness.

STRATEGIES

- Spot and routine cleaning by educators
- Effective hand washing practices
- The washing of all children's cups, plates and bowls along with all kitchen utensils used in the preparation of food in the dishwasher
- Identifying and excluding sick children and educators as per the Infectious diseases and the Illness policy
- Wearing gloves when changing soiled clothing or assisting with toileting procedures
- Maintaining updated immunisation records as per the Infectious diseases policy
- Placing a copy of hand washing procedures near all hand washing areas for educators and children to follow
- Effective handling, storage and disposal or washing of soiled items
- The use of personal protection equipment
- Lessons for children through grace and courtesy including, but not limited to; coughing into your elbow and covering face when sneezing.

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