

INFECTION CONTROL POLICY

Rationale

Forfar ELCC along with Angus Council has a duty to protect the health, safety and welfare of all users and employees as well as a duty of care. In addition to this the prevention and control of infection is essential in helping to establish a safe and hygienic environment in which children can learn and develop.

This guidance will help providers and staff to take into account the relevant **Health and Social Care Standards:**

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.

5.4 If I require intimate personal care, there is a suitable area for this, including a sink if needed.

5.19 My environment has plenty of natural light and fresh air, and the lighting, ventilation and heating can be adjusted to meet my needs and wishes.

5.22 I experience an environment that is well looked after with clean, tidy, and well-maintained premises, furnishings, and equipment.

This guidance will help providers and staff to take into account the relevant Quality Indicators from How Good is our Early Learning and Childcare: https://education.gov.scot/nih/Documents/Frameworks_SelfEvaluation/FRWK1_NIHeditSelf-evaluationHGIELC/HGIOELC020316Revised.pdf

2.1 Safeguarding and child protection

3.1 Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion

This policy will be monitored by / through: Cleaning records, Care Inspectorate reports, records of staff training certificates, fridge temperatures, snack/ meal menu records

This policy will be reviewed in:	12 months
Review Date:	August 2024
Reviewed By:	Management

AIMS	OUTCOMES	IMPLEMENTATION
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To minimise sources of contamination and control the spread of infection. • To raise awareness of good hygiene practice with children and families. • Staff understand and can carry out their responsibilities in relation to infection control. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The environment is safe and hygienic for all • Parents and staff communicate effectively regarding appropriate measures for infection control • Children, parents, and staff are aware of procedures • Safe working practices are adhered to at all times 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow the guidance – NHS Infection prevention and control in childcare settings (Day care and Childminding settings), May 2018 (or most up to date guidance) - Infection-prevention-control-childcare.pdf • Follow guidance in Health and Social Care Standards 2017 (Standards – 3.14, 5.4, 5.19, 5.22) - Health & Social Care Standards • Follow guidance in Space to Grow 2017 (Section 2 in relation to hand hygiene, Toilet, Kitchen and Food Preparation and Laundry and Utility provision) Space-to-grow design guidance pdf • How Good is Our Early Learning and Childcare Quality Indicators – 2.1 and 3.1 • Effective strategies are in place to communicate infection control procedures to staff, children, and families • Staff implement the infection control training required by regulation