

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 guidance will help providers and staff to take into account the relevant articles from the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child: [A Summary of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child](#)

Article 24 – health and health services

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 2025
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 • To ensure children's rights are upheld in accordance with the UNCRC 	<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 • Within and beyond our setting there is a shared understanding of wellbeing and children's rights 	<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 • All staff understand their responsibilities as duty bearers to respect, promote and realise children's rights