



Infection Control

Policy Statement

Viruses, including Covid-19 (please see Covid-19 Management Plan) 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.

The best way to prevent a virus or infection from moving around the Pre-School environment is to maintain high hygiene standards in our setting. To do this we will follow the guidance below:

- Encourage children to use tissues when coughing and sneezing to catch all germs and encourage the children to use a tissue to wipe their noses clean. We will promptly wipe the noses of those unable to do so. If they don't have a tissue they will be encouraged to cough into their arm.
- Ensure all tissues are disposed of in a hygienic way and all children and staff wash their hands once the tissue is disposed of in a hygienic way.
- Encourage all children to do the above by discussing the need for good hygiene procedures in helping them to stay healthy. Learning simple songs to wash their hands too also ensures this becomes second nature.
- Staff will all wear the appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) when changing nappies, toileting children and dealing with any other bodily fluids. Staff are requested to dispose of these in the appropriate manner and wash hands immediately afterwards.
- All potties and changing mats are cleaned and sterilised before and after each use.
- Toilets are cleaned at least twice daily.
- Staff are to remind children to wash their hands before/after eating, after visiting the toilet, playing outside or being in contact with any animal and explain the reasons for this. Hand sanitisers are available on all the doors in and out of the building, everyone is encouraged to use them.
- All toys, equipment and resources will be cleaned on a regular basis by following a comprehensive cleaning rota and using antibacterial cleanser or through washing in the washing machine using an antibacterial washing agent: Napisan.
- All equipment used by children will be washed or cleaned as and when they need it – this includes when the children have placed it in their mouths.
- Dummies will be stored in the individual child's bag where possible it should be labeled with the child's name or identifiable as belonging to the child to prevent cross-contamination with other children.
- If a dummy or drinks bottle falls on the floor or is picked up and used by another child, this is cleaned immediately and sterilised where necessary.
- Cushions and blankets will be washed regularly.
- When children are ill, we will follow the Unwell Child Policy to prevent the spread of any infection in the nursery. Staff are also requested to stay at home if they are unwell or contagious.
- **In the case of Diarrhea and/or Vomiting, the child or member of staff must not return to Pre-School until 48 hours has lapsed from the last episode of diarrhea or vomiting.**
- **In the case of a high temperature and fever, the child or member of staff must not return to nursery until the temperature is under control without medication.**
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- Notifications of these potential sources of infection will be displayed on the entrance doors and emailed to parents if appropriate and presents a risk to others.
- The nursery manager retains the right of refusal of any children, parent, staff, and visitors who are deemed unwell and may impact on the welfare of the rest of the Pre-School.
- Parents will be made aware of the need for these procedures for them to follow these guidelines whilst in the Pre-School.
- Periodically each room in the Pre-School will be deep cleaned including carpets and soft furnishings to ensure the spread of infection is limited. This will be implemented earlier if the need arises.
- The nursery 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.
- This policy has been updated to include associated risks of Coronavirus.
- Calpol is not to be given prior to entering pre-school, parents have been asked to take temps at home before arriving at Madley Pre-School.

This policy was adopted by:

Madley Pre-School

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Signed on behalf of the provider:

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