

Infection Control Procedure

UHI Perth Nursery

Version Control History

Version Number	Date of Change	Summary of Revisions Made
1.0	August 2016	Footer updated to reflect new template model.
1.1	May 2021	Title change from Nursery Coordinator to Nursery Manager. 5.1 changed from all adults and children to sanitise their hands on arrival to adults to sanitise their hands on arrival and children to wash their hands with soap and warm water for 20 seconds.
1.2	February 2024	Updated to UHI Perth branding and to reflect current organisational structure.

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1 Purpose

- 1.1 This procedure details the actions that will be taken in order to effectively prevent infection occurring within the Nursery.

2 Scope

- 2.1 The procedure is relevant to the work of all members of Nursery Staff, all children in the care of the Nursery, as well as the parents/carers and visitors who visit the nursery.

3 Definitions

- 3.1 None.

4 Responsibilities

- 4.1 The Nursery Manager has overall responsibility for ensuring that this procedure is implemented.
- 4.2 All staff members are responsible for following the procedure and for ensuring their professional practice supports its implementation.
- 4.3 All students and volunteers are responsible for following this procedure.
- 4.4 The Nursery Manager is responsible for monitoring the effectiveness of the procedure and will access relevant feedback from staff to support this.
- 4.5 The Nursery Manager is responsible for the reviewing and updating of this procedure.
- 4.6 The Perth Leadership Group is responsible for approving the procedure.

5 Procedure

- 5.1 All adults must use the hand sanitiser when entering the nursery building. All staff and children must wash their hands for 20 seconds using warm water and soap before starting activities in the playrooms.
- 5.2 All work surfaces and tables where food is prepared, and/or served, are cleaned with sanitiser before preparation commences, after, and regularly throughout the day.
- 5.3 To prevent contamination of food, any cuts and sores that a staff member has are covered by waterproof dressings.
- 5.4 All dishes are washed in water containing washing up liquid, rinsed with clean water then sprayed with sanitiser, or in a dishwasher following manufacturer's guidelines.
- 5.5 All staff follow Nursery Dignity and Privacy Procedure. As such, nappies, wipes, gloves and aprons are disposed of in designated bins which are collected three times a week by a clinical waste company.
- 5.6 All toilets and wash had basins are cleaned daily using appropriate cleaning agents.
- 5.7 Potties are wiped with antibacterial spray after use.
- 5.8 All sinks have liquid soap available at them.
- 5.9 If a child vomits, urinates or soils an area of the Nursery, the area is quickly and thoroughly cleaned following infection prevention and control guidelines.
- 5.10 Children and staff are not permitted to return to Nursery for 48 hours after experiencing their last bout of sickness and/or diarrhoea. All other infectious diseases we will follow Public Health Scotland guidelines on exclusion periods from Nursery.
- 5.11 If more than one child has the following signs or symptoms – diarrhoea (3 or more very loose or liquid bowel movements), blood in faeces, vomiting, continuing or severe stomach pain, any kind of rash, flu like symptoms and 2 or more of the following – cough, sore throat, runny nose, limbs or joint pain and headache, appears unwell (feels hot or flushed) the Nursery Manager or Depute will contact the Care Inspectorate and the Health Protection Team.

6 **Linked Policies/Related Document**

UHI Perth Nursery Dignity and Privacy Procedure
Food Hygiene Handbook for Scotland
Infection Prevention and Control in Childcare Settings. May 2018

7 **Relevant Legislation**

7.1 None.