

Infection Prevention and Control

Self-Evaluation:

HGIOELC 1.5 Management of Resources to Support Equity

CfE Reference

I am becoming aware of how cleanliness, hygiene and safety can affect my health and wellbeing and I apply this knowledge in my everyday routines such as brushing my teeth. **HWB 0-33a**

Aim

At Blackwood Primary ELC we aim to provide a safe environment to meet the needs of each child, ensuring that the children are cared for in a safe, hygienic, smoke free, pleasant and stimulating environment.

Our Vision ...

At Blackwood Primary School and ELC we strive to establish a caring, nurturing and stimulating environment which encourages creativity and curiosity and recognises each child as an individual, enabling them to attain and achieve.

Our Values ...

Friendship, Respect, Equality, Determination

Core Resources

- NHS Exclusion criteria for daycare services (2013)
- Public Health Agency Guidance on Infection Control (2013)
- SLC Infection Control Risk Assessment (2014).
- NHS Infection Prevention and Control in Childcare Settings (2018).
- Care Inspectorate Nappy Changing Facilities for Early Learning and Childcare Services: Information to support improvement (2018)
- Early Years Protective Behaviours Programme
- Local Policy Contact Numbers List
- Records that all registered care services (except childminding) must keep and guidance on notification reporting (CI 2012)

Health & Social Care Standards

1, 3, 4 and 5.

UNCRC

Article 3, 16, 24 and 27.

Guidance and Procedures

- All play equipment should be kept clean and well maintained (appendix 10 - NHS Infection and Prevention Control).
- The nursery should be cleaned.
- There should be adequate levels of ventilation in the nursery and the opening of doors and windows, (where it is safe to do so).
- Measures should be taken to control the spread of infection (Appendix 3), e.g. advising parents about exclusion criteria for infection within the nursery, checklist of standard infection control precautions (Section 4 NHS Infection and Prevention Control).
 - Please report early warning signs and symptoms of infection to the nursery Team Leader or Key Worker to assess the situation. These symptoms include (Section 6.1):
 - Diarrhoea (this is defined as 3 or more very loose or liquid bowel movements within 24 hours)
 - Blood in the child's faeces
 - Vomiting
 - Continuing or severe stomach pain
 - Any kind of rash
 - Flu like symptoms - a fever (temperature of 38 degrees Celsius or higher) and two or more of the following - cough, sore throat, runny nose, limb or joint pain, and headache)
 - Appears unwell (feels hot or looks flushed)

Cleaning toileting accident's/body fluids:

- Staff are required to report any body fluid spillages, (either it in the playroom or the toilet) to the Janitor immediately. The area should be cordoned off to prevent children from entering.
- Staff are required to mop up any spills in the playroom or toilet that is not body fluids. The mop for this should be stored in the locked cubicle out of reach of children.

Guidance and Procedures continued

If any one child has any of these symptoms, staff should:

- Keep the child safe and away from other children if possible
- Ask the parent/carer to collect the child and suggest they visit the GP if symptoms get worse
- Put in place the appropriate infection control as described in appendix 8 of the NHS infection control notes.

-If more than one child has any of these signs or symptoms, staff should contact NHS Lanarkshire (see Appendix 5).

-If there is an outbreak of infection (2 or more cases linked to the same illness (e.g. scarlet fever, E.Coli) or a single case of a serious disease (e.g. measles) staff should follow guidelines as described in Section 6 and Appendix 5 and 6 of Infection Prevention and Control in Childcare Settings (2011).

-The manager will notify Care Inspectorate of a suspected or known outbreak of infection. An infection is defined as 2 or more, or a higher than expected number of cases of confirmed or suspected infection, affecting people using the service and/or staff in the same area.

-Parents/carers should be informed at induction days about procedures within the school if the child is unwell e.g. NHS Lanarkshire exclusion procedures, contact the school office if the child is not attending nursery etc.

Guidance and Procedures continued

-Children should be discouraged from bringing toys from home to the setting, however if this is seen as a comforter for an individual child, consideration should be given as to how to safely manage this.

- Staff should adhere to and encourage the children to follow Standard Infection Control Precautions (Section 4 - NHS Infection Prevention and Control):
 - Hand Hygiene
 - Respiratory Hygiene/Cough Hygiene
 - Use Personal Protective Equipment (e.g. gloves/apron)
 - Cleaning of the Environment
 - Dealing with spillages of blood and body fluids
 - Equipment cleanliness e.g. washing with warm soapy water
 - Management of waste
 - Linen and laundry
 - Exposure injuries and bites
- **Enhanced hand hygiene measures:**

Children should wash their hands:

 - Before and after eating
 - After toileting
 - At regular intervals throughout the day

-Children should wash their hands for 20 seconds.

-Encourage children not to touch their face and use a tissue or their elbow to cough and sneeze into.

Infection Prevention and control Champion Lead- Mrs Lennox and Miss Marshall.



Audience

- Children
- Early Years Workers
- Team Leaders
- Support Staff
- Students
- SMT
- Parents/Carers
- SLC Personnel
- HMIe
- Care Inspectorate

Links

- Education Scotland
- Health and Social Care Standards
- Child at the Centre
- CFE
- GIRFEC
- Children and Young People's Bill (2014)



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Contact number for our Health Protection Team: 01698 858232/858228 E-mail: healthprotection@lanarkshire.scot.nhs.uk	
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Contact Number for our Care Inspectorate Officer: Care Inspectorate Enquiries: 0345 600 9527	
NHS Lanarkshire Health Protection Nurse Jim White Contact Number: 01698 858232	
All of our Staff have read this guidance and agree to adhere to it:	Depute's Signature:
1. Rebecca Morgan - Team Leader	

2. Freda Marshall - Team Leader	

3. Joanne Curley - EYW	

4. Kay Jones - EYW	

5. Arlene McCall - EYW	

6. Heather Stewart - EYW	

7. Lorna Forbes - EYW	

	Team Leader's Signature:

<p>8. Jennifer Inglis -EYW</p> <hr/> <p>9. Emily Biggart - EYW</p> <hr/> <p>10. Lynzi Morrison - EYW</p> <hr/> <p>11. Lyndsay McGauley - EWSW</p> <hr/> <p>12.</p> <hr/> <p>13.</p> <hr/>	
<p>All our food handlers have received training in handling food.</p>	<p>Depute's Signature:</p> <p>Team Leader's Signature:</p>
<p>Who to contact if there is an outbreak: Lanarkshire Health Protection Team 01698 858232/858228</p>	
<p>Our childcare setting is kept clean and as safe as possible for the children in our care</p>	<p>Depute's Signature:</p> <p>Team Leader's Signature:</p>
<p>Our trained first aiders: Rebecca Morgan (Nursery Team Leader) Freda Marshall (EYW/Nursery Team Leader) - Forest School First Aider Lorna Forbes (First Responder & Forest School Trained)</p>	<p>Deputue's Signature:</p> <p>Team Leader's Signature:</p>



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