

Springwell Child Care

Health and Safety and Infection Control Policy

This service will ensure that children are cared for in a safe and hygienic environment.

- The service provider will follow the Care Commission's Infection Control Team's guidance on infection control precautions.
- Regular fire drills and smoke detector tests will be carried out and recorded.
- Hazardous materials will be stored securely.
- Risk Assessments will be carried out and recorded when visits to new places of interests are planned.
- Equipment will be clean and appropriate.
- First aid resources will be maintained.
- Personal hygiene will be encouraged at all times. After toileting or contact with animals and before food handling and meal times, anti-bacterial fluid handwash will be used.
- Universal precautions will be taken when dealing with body fluids in nappy changing, toileting, first aid etc. Disposable non-latex gloves and disposable aprons will be used. Toileting resources will be stored appropriately. Soiled clothing will be immediately rinsed and sealed in a bag for parents/carers to take home. All spillages will be cleaned immediately and the area disinfected. Waste will be disposed of immediately in sealed waste bags in outdoor refuse bin. Hard floors and surfaces will be cleaned regularly with anti-bacterial cleaner. Soft furnishing will be cleaned regularly with appropriate cleaner. Towels will be laundered daily. Sanitary ware will be cleaned with anti-bacterial cleaner daily and also as required during daily use. Potties will be cleaned with anti-bacterial cleaner immediately after each use.
- Service will follow medical guidelines as per policy, on exclusion of communicable diseases.
- Feeding equipment for under one year olds will be sterilized as per medical guidance.
- Kitchen area will be cleaned regularly with anti-bacterial cleaner and food will be stored and handled appropriately to avoid cross contamination.

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- Children's bottles and dummies will be stored in their own holdalls which are brought to the service daily. Teats, dummies and toothbrushes are encouraged to be stored in airtight containers.
- Service will carry out Risk Assessment on any ill person attending, and where required, contact parents/carers/emergency contact to collect child so that appropriate care can be provided and the wellbeing of all service users is ensured.
- Service provider will follow medical guidelines for exclusion periods for communicable diseases.