



Infection Control Policy

Policies and Procedures



Revision No.	Details of Change	Date
1	Full review of procedures	Dec 2013
2	Policy update	Dec 2016



INFECTION CONTROL POLICY

Echt Primary and Nursery School 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 secure environment in which children can learn and develop through play.

Minimise sources of contamination

- We will aim to ensure Echt Primary and Nursery School staff have Food Hygiene Certificate or other training in food handling
- We store food that requires refrigeration, covered and dated within a refrigerator, at a temperature of 5°C or below
- We wash hands before and after handling food
- We clean and disinfect food storage and preparation areas
- Food is bought from reputable sources and used by recommended date

To control the spread of infection

- We ensure good hand washing procedures (toilet, handling animals, soil, food)
- Children are encouraged to blow and wipe their own noses when necessary and to dispose of the soiled tissues hygienically
- We keep a record of the washing of equipment
- Ensure different cloths and towels are kept for different areas
- We cover all cuts and open sores
- Aprons are worn when preparing food
- We wear protective clothing when dealing with accidents. (e.g. gloves and apron)
- A protocol is in place that is followed regarding contact with blood and body fluids.
 - Gloves and apron worn
 - Soiled articles sealed in a plastic bag
 - Staff aware of procedures for the prevention of HIV infection

To raise awareness of hygiene procedures

- Inform all attending adults of the existing policy and procedures
- Insure that student induction includes this information
- Provide visual instructions where possible for ease of understanding



To prevent cross-contamination

- Ensure that adults and children have separate toilet facilities

To prevent the persistence and further spread of infection

- Ensure that dedicated sinks are clearly marked
- Be vigilant as to signs of infection persisting or recurring
- Ask parents to keep their child at home if they have an infection, and to inform the nursery as to the nature of the infection
- Remind parents not to bring a child to nursery or school who has been vomiting or had diarrhoea until at least 48 hours has elapsed since the last attack