

Hygiene Policy

The Abbey Pre-school recognises that strict hygiene precautions should be observed in order to control infectious diseases.

To prevent the spread of infection adults in the group will observe the following practices:

1. Washing up done thoroughly in hot water with a detergent using rubber gloves routinely.
2. Cups and beakers covered with a clean cloth, not stacked inside each other.
3. Drying up cloths changed every day.
4. Different cleaning cloths for the kitchen and the bathroom and separate cloths for the floor, renewed regularly.
5. Hands washed before and after handling food.
6. Hands washed after using the toilet.
7. Cuts or open sores covered with a sticking plaster or other dressing.
8. Any spills of vomit, blood or excrement wiped up and flushed away down the toilet. Latex gloves always used when cleaning up spills of body fluid. Floors and other affected surfaces disinfected using antibacterial solution according to the manufacturers instructions.
9. Fabrics contaminated with body fluids sealed in a plastic bag and given to parent with the advice to wash on a hot cycle.
10. Children with pierced ears will not try on or share each others earrings.
11. A large tissue roll or box of tissues available and the children encouraged to blow or wipe their noses when necessary. Soiled tissues disposed of hygienically.
12. Children encouraged to seal their mouths when coughing.
13. Spare laundered pants and other clothing available in case of accidents.
14. Polythene bags available in which to wrap soiled garments.

These precautions are aimed at the prevention and control of any illness whether it originates from an infestation, a bacterial or a viral source. These include the normal childhood illnesses, Hepatitis B, Meningitis, HIV and Aids and food poisoning such as Salmonella and Listeria.