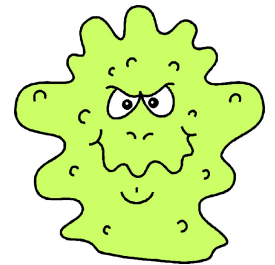


Part 5: HYGIENE & INFECTION CONTROL

The subject of infection control is of paramount importance within the Nursery environment. Children are particularly vulnerable to infections, and therefore it must be ensured that the environment is kept as clean and hygienic and as free from infections as possible. This can only be achieved through the use of strict **Infection Control Policies and Procedures** which focus on many aspects of the Nursery's environment and working activities. Staff will receive appropriate training relevant to a particular job. Key Policies focus on the following:

5.1 ILLNESSES & EXCLUSION POLICIES:

- Parents are asked to provide details of their child's medical history. This will include childhood illnesses that the child has already had, vaccinations / immunisations, allergies, sensitivities and any information that would be relevant in the event of emergencies.
- Thereafter, when a child falls ill during a Nursery session there must be specific policies in place to deal with such eventualities. There must also be procedures to control the exclusion from the Nursery of any child who may be suffering from a severe medical problem which may include a Notifiable Disease under the definition of **The Public Health (Infectious Diseases Regulations), 1988**.



Refer to: **Policy No 400 - General Precautions for Infection Control**
 Policy No 401 - Handling Sick Children & Exclusion Policy

5.2 GENERAL HYGIENE, CLEANING & SANITATION:



There should be regular documented procedures for cleaning the Nursery environment. Cleaning of the rooms and activity areas must be carried out to prepared schedules, and there should be documented schedules for the regular cleaning of toys and play equipment and apparatus. Cleaning procedures must include disinfection and sanitation of items and surfaces that may become contaminated with body waste or other potentially infectious material.

Special regular cleaning techniques will be required for the kitchen and food handling areas to ensure compliance to **The Food Hygiene (England) Regulations, 2006**, (see *Part 9 of this Training Manual*).

Refer to: **Policy No 402 - Cleaning of the Nursery**