

Thorpe Willoughby Childcare Centre



Hand Washing Procedure

Purpose of Policy

Thorpe Willoughby Childcare Centre is committed to maintaining the health and hygiene of the children and the staff team.

It is important that the children / staffs hands are washed properly and at appropriate times during the day.

Staff are to instil the understanding for the hand washing, e.g. to remove germs after playing outside or eating.

Who is Responsible?

It is the responsibility of the staff team to ensure the children understand the importance of hand hygiene and the reasons we wash hands.

It is also the staff team's responsibility to ensure they lead by example washing hands regularly alongside the children.

Procedure to be carried out Mealtimes

- Each child is encouraged to go to bathroom and wash their hands
- Children place hands under tap warm water and use soap to wash hands to wet hands
- Hands are dried thoroughly using the hand driers
- Child takes seat at table for meal
- Following meal the child is encouraged to go to the bathroom and wash hands

Staff member washes their own hands thoroughly

- The toileting policy is followed for the children

Children take themselves to the toilet, staff monitor and encourage hand washing afterwards. (as above)

Nappy Change:

Staff member will prepare area for the child/ren, making sure equipment is to hand, clean surface where child will be changes, put on PPE, support the child who is being changed, (eye contact-verbal interaction)

Clothing removed and soiled nappy removed, child will be cleaned using disposable wipes. Soiled nappy and wipes placed in nappy sack, child dressed and encouraged to wash hands under warm running water.

Taken back to playroom. Staff will clean area thoroughly, PPE placed in nappy sack, staff will thoroughly wash their hands.

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