

# The Jungle Day Nursery & Cheeky Monkeys Nursery Ltd

Policy No 42-01

## General Precautions for Infection Control

This policy summarises the arrangements and, measures in place at the nursery for a programme for infection control that minimises the risks of health to children, staff and visitors:

### 1. Principles of infection:

Many infections are easily spread through nurseries, where large numbers of children, may be in close proximity and share eating and play facilities. Infection is a major cause of illness and the nursery management will seek to reduce the likelihood of infection through the implementation of effective control measures through formalised procedures and policies.

Sources of infection:

- organic matter – excreta/ blood/ body fluids/ exudants from wounds and lesions
- stagnant fluids
- Equipment – air conditioning/ humidifiers/ ventilators
- Water system – sinks / taps/ pipes / drains

### Route of Spread

- Direct contact – hands etc.
- Airborne – organisms in dust/ skin scales
- Droplets – aerosols/ sneezes/ coughs etc from infected persons
- Inhalation – nebulizers
- Food-borne – contaminated food/ out dated food
- Blood-borne – hepatitis B/ needle-stick injury
- Insect – borne – flies/ mosquitoes, etc.

### 2. Organisation and management:

The following principles infection control management will be applied to the nursery:

- The nursery manager is responsible under health and safety legislation for maintaining an environment which is safe for all – children, staff, and visitors. This is reflected in appropriate Policies and Job descriptions.
- All staff will receive training in basic infection control as part of the introduction training process.

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## 3. Control Procedures

Routine control procedures are in place at the nursery as precaution for the spread of infection. The following basic procedures will be promoted as basic infection control requirements throughout the nursery:

### Hand Hygiene:

- Hand washing will be carried out.
- All wounds / moist skin conditions will be covered by a waterproof dressing without visible air holes.

### Waste disposal

- Policy no 42-06 addresses the disposal of waste (household and biological waste, including sharp instruments)

### Cleaning procedures

- Policy no 42-03, 42-04 and 44-12 address the cleaning procedures in place.

### Handling an outbreak of infections:

- Policy 42-02, 42-07, 42-08 and 42-09 address the procedures in place to control the outbreak of infections.

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