

## **Infection Prevention and control Policy**

Little eco steps out of School Club recognises the importance of advanced planning in order to maintain services and limit the spread of pandemic flu within our setting.

Flu is a viral infection, spread from person to person by close contact. Symptoms may include: Sudden fever Limb and joint pain Sudden cough Diarrhoea or stomach upset Headache Sore throat Tiredness Runny nose Chills Sneezing Aching muscles Loss of appetite

Any child who becomes ill with symptoms which could be pandemic flu while at the Club will be isolated from the other children until the child can be collected by his or her parents. The Club will remain open but parents and staff will be informed, especially those in high-risk groups.

Any children or staff who are experiencing symptoms of pandemic flu should stay away from the Club until all symptoms have passed and they feel well.

Infection control!

The flu virus is spread by:

- Infected people passing the virus to others through large droplets when coughing, sneezing, or even talking within a close distance (one metre or less).
- Direct contact with an infected person: for example, if you shake or hold their hand, and then touch your own mouth, eyes or nose without first washing your hands.
- Touching objects (eg door handles, light switches) that have previously been touched by an infected person, then touching your own mouth, eyes or nose without first washing your hands. The virus can survive longer on hard surfaces than on soft or absorbent surfaces.

We will limit the risk of catching or spreading the flu virus at the Club by:

- Regular hand-washing
- Minimising contact between our hands and mouth/nose
- Covering nose and mouth when coughing or sneezing; using a tissue when possible, and disposing of the tissue promptly and carefully (bag it and bin it)
- Encouraging the children at the Club to follow the guidance above

- Instructing staff to remain at home if they display any relevant symptoms, or sending them home if they first display symptoms while at work.

Little eco steps out of School Club we will promote infection control through the methods above, and in addition we will:

- Display posters and information to promote infection control
- Ensure that adequate supplies of cleaning materials are available within the Club
- Dispose of waste promptly and hygienically
- Clean hard surfaces (eg door handles) with sanitizer regularly
- Provide tissues and suitable facilities for their disposal.
- Out of club is cleaned daily by the cleaner.

The Club will also have to close if advised to do so by the local authority in the interest of safeguarding the children in our care.

Advance planning! In preparation for dealing with a pandemic disease, the Club will ensure that all contact details for staff, children and parents are up to date.

The Club will regularly update its information regarding pandemic diseases, by checking the latest guidance from the local authority, and will inform parents and staff of any changes to our emergency plans.

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