**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 illness within our setting.

Illnesses include flu, vomiting diarrhoea and any others that spread from person to person by close contact.

Any child who becomes ill with symptoms of any illness which could be easily spread 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 we will carry out a deep clean, and inform parents of time frame for when being allowed back (table on next page with guidance of illness )

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

Infection control:

Illness is spread by:

• Infected people passing the illness 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. Illness can survive longer on hard surfaces than on soft or absorbent surfaces.

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

• Regular hand-washing/sanitising

• 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.

At 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 staff and by cleaners at weekends.

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 illness, 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 illness 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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