

HYGIENE NQS 2.1.3 Version 1.11

The goal of Keithcot Farm Children's Centre's hygiene program is to maintain an environment that minimises illness and infection. Educators are responsible for and required to maintain strict hygiene procedures and to demonstrate positive role modelling for children. The Children's Centre employs a contract cleaner to ensure the cleanliness of the Children's Centre each day.

Educators will maintain cleanliness of the children's toys and equipment during the day by:

- reserving a bucket specifically for mouthed toys to be put into for cleaning
- cleaning tables with warm soapy water immediately before and after eating or when curriculum activities are based around food
- encouraging children to put rubbish in the bins provided
- wearing gloves when changing a nappy and dispose of them immediately
- cleaning the nappy change mat with warm soapy water after each nappy change
- using a clean face cloth or baby wipe for cleaning a child's face and hands
- handling biting by children in accordance with first aid procedures and notify parents of biting incidents
- raking sandpits on a daily basis and ensuring digging patch and swings are safe to use

To prevent the spread of illness, educators will wash and dry their hands:

- after assisting a child at the toilet
- after changing a child's nappy
- after wiping a nose
- after cleaning up blood / faeces / urine / vomit
- after handling sick children
- before preparing food
- before eating and drinking
- whenever necessary, at their discretion
- after attending to the worm farm and handling animals

Children are supported to wash and dry their hands:

- after using the toilet
- before meal and snack times
- after blowing their nose
- whenever necessary, at the staff's discretion
- after a nappy change (or after using the toilet when wearing a pull-up)
- after handling animals and the worm farm

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