

HYGIENE Version 1.18

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 be positive role models for children. The Children's Centre employs a contract cleaner to ensure the cleanliness of the Children's Centre each day.

Educators, Allied Health and Community Development staff will maintain cleanliness of the children's resources, equipment and environment 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 disposing of them immediately.
- Cleaning the nappy change mat with warm soapy water after each nappy change and then drying the mat.
- Using a clean face cloth or baby wipe for cleaning a child's face and hands.
- Handling biting in accordance with first aid procedures and notify the parent of the child who has been bitten as well as the child who bit their peer.
- Raking sandpits, the swing area, the climbing area and the digging patch on a daily basis and ensuring that they are safe to use.
- Cleaning up chicken faeces in children's play spaces as soon as it is found, disposing of it appropriately and then washing and drying their hands.
- Providing hygienic wipes to parents accessing Community programs to clean resources used on the day.
- Use antiseptic wipes to clean lap-tops in the Non-Contact room.

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 caring for sick children.
- Before preparing food.
- Before eating and drinking.
- Whenever necessary, at their discretion.
- After handling animals.

Children are supported to wash and dry their hands:

- After using the toilet
- Before meal and snack times or use cloth wipes to clean their hands.
- 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.
- After collecting eggs.

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