

## Infection Control

Viruses and infections can easily be passed from person to person by breathing in air containing the virus. It can also spread through hand/face contact after touching a person or surface contaminated with viruses.

We will endeavour to prevent the virus or infection from spreading around the nursery by following the procedures below:

- Ensure all children are encouraged to use tissues when coughing and sneezing to catch all germs
- Speak to the children and demonstrate to them how to maintain good hygiene routines
- Staff will wear all the appropriate personal Protective Equipment (PPE) when changing nappies, toileting children and dealing with any other body fluids. Staff are required to dispose of these in the appropriate manner and wash their hands immediately
- All potties and changing mats are cleaned and sanitised with Anti-bacterial spray before and after each use
- Toilets are cleaned daily and as and when required
- Staff are to remind children to wash their hands after visiting the toilet and playing outside
- All toys, equipment and resources will be cleaned on a regular basis by following a comprehensive cleaning rota and using antibacterial cleanser through washing in the washing machine
- All equipment used by babies and toddlers will be washed as and when needed – this includes when the children have placed it in their mouth
- Dummies will be stored in individual hygienic dummy boxes labelled with the child's name to prevent cross-contamination with other children
- If a dummy or bottle falls on the floor or is picked up by another child, this is cleaned immediately and sterilised when necessary
- Individual bedding will be used by children and labelled. This will be washed at least once a week and not used for any other child
- Parents will be made aware of the need for these procedures in order for them to follow these guidelines whilst in the nursery
- Parents, staff and visitors will be required to remove all outdoor footwear or use shoe covers when entering the Acorn Room
- When children are ill we will follow the sickness and illness policy to prevent the spread of any infection in the nursery. This is in line with the exclusion guidelines of Public Health England.
- The nursery manager retains the right of refusal of all children, parents, staff and visitors who are deemed contagious and may impact on the welfare of the rest of the nursery.

- Following an outbreak of a contagious illness a deep clean of the room, equipment and resources will be carried out.
- In any case of a notifiable disease as listed by Public Health England will be reported accordingly.

Internal use only

<b>This policy was adopted on</b>	June 22
<b>Signed on behalf of the nursery</b>	
<b>Date disseminated to staff</b>	
<b>Date for review</b>	June 23