

Razzy's Daycare & Nursery

Infection Control Policy



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Introduction

At Razzy's Daycare & Nursery, we are committed to maintaining the highest standards of hygiene to protect the health and wellbeing of all children, staff, and visitors. We recognise that viruses and infections can be easily transmitted through the air when an infected person talks, coughs, or sneezes, as well as through hand-to-face contact after touching contaminated surfaces. This policy sets out the procedures and practices we follow to minimise the spread of infection within the nursery.

Legal and Regulatory Framework

This policy is informed by the following legislation and guidance:

- Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) Statutory Framework 2024/2025
- The Children Act 1989 and 2004
- The Health and Safety at Work Act 1974
- The Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations (COSHH) 2002
- Public Health England / UK Health Security Agency: *Managing Specific Infectious Diseases in Schools and Other Childcare Facilities*
- Department of Health guidance on childhood immunisation and infection control
- Ofsted requirements for health, safety, and welfare
- UK GDPR and Data Protection Act 2018 (for storing health information)

Hygiene and Handwashing

All children and staff are encouraged and supported to maintain good hygiene. Children are taught to use tissues to catch coughs and sneezes, and tissues are disposed of hygienically. Hands are washed thoroughly with soap and water immediately after

disposing of tissues, after using the toilet, before eating, after playing outdoors, and after contact with animals. Staff explain the importance of these routines to children to encourage understanding and compliance.

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and Bodily Fluids

Staff wear appropriate PPE, such as gloves and aprons, when changing nappies, assisting with toileting, or handling bodily fluids. PPE is disposed of safely immediately after use, and hands are washed thoroughly. All equipment used in these routines, including potties and changing mats, is cleaned and sterilised before and after each use. Toilets and wash areas are cleaned at least daily, with additional cleaning carried out as necessary to maintain a safe and hygienic environment.

Cleaning of Toys, Equipment, and Resources

All toys, equipment, and resources are cleaned regularly according to a comprehensive cleaning rota, using appropriate antibacterial cleansers or washing machines where applicable. Equipment used by babies and toddlers, including items that may have been placed in their mouths, is cleaned immediately after use. Dummies are stored in individual labelled containers to prevent cross-contamination, and any dummy or bottle that falls on the floor or is handled by another child is cleaned and sterilised as appropriate. Individual bedding is used for each child, labelled, and washed at least weekly or sooner if soiled. Bedding is never shared between children.

Footwear and Nursery Environment

Parents and visitors are asked to remove outdoor footwear or use shoe covers in rooms where children play on the floor. Staff and children wear designated indoor shoes or slippers to maintain hygiene. The nursery manager ensures that deep cleaning of rooms, carpets, and soft furnishings is carried out periodically, and sooner if needed, to reduce the risk of infection. Stocks of tissues, handwashing supplies, cleaning materials, and sterilising fluids are maintained at all times and increased during periods of high infection, such as winter months or outbreaks of flu and cold viruses.

Illness and Exclusion

Children and staff who are unwell are asked to remain at home to prevent the spread of infection. The nursery follows the Sickness and Illness Policy for all cases of suspected

contagious illness. The nursery manager retains the right to refuse admission to any child, parent, staff member, or visitor deemed contagious or whose presence may compromise the welfare of others. Parents are made aware of these procedures and are expected to support the nursery in maintaining a healthy environment.

Monitoring and Review

All staff are responsible for implementing infection control procedures consistently.

Compliance with these procedures is monitored by senior staff and management. This policy is reviewed at least annually, or sooner if required due to updated guidance, a significant outbreak, or other relevant circumstances.