

20.15 HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICY: HYGIENE

We regularly seek information from the Environmental Health Department and the Health Authority to ensure that we keep up to date with the latest recommendations. Our daily routines encourage the children to learn about personally hygiene. We have a daily cleaning routine for the nursery, which includes kitchen, rest areas, toilets and nappy changing areas. We have a schedule for cleaning resources and equipments, dressing up clothes and furnishings. The toilet area has a high standard of hygiene including hand washing and drying facilities. We implement good hygiene practices by: Cleaning tables between activities. Checking toilets regularly Wearing protective clothing, such as aprons and disposable gloves – as appropriate. Provide sets of clean clothes. Provide tissues and wipes.

Covid 19 update:

MVNS is implementing the following measures to comply with DoE guidance (May 2020):

Effective infection protection and control: To minimize the risk of direct transmission (for instance, when in close contact with those sneezing and coughing) and indirect transmission (via touching contaminated surfaces)

- ensuring that those who have coronavirus symptoms, or who have someone in their household who does, do not attend the setting
- should anyone develop symptoms while at the setting, they (if a child) will be taken to the committee room and a staff member will stay with them (wearing PPE) until a parent collects them
- Parents will not be allowed to come into the setting, but will drop off and collect children outside.
- Staff and children will be cleaning hands far more often than usual - see hand hygiene policy
- MVNS is ensuring good respiratory hygiene - promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach, with tissues, alcohol hand sanitizer, gloves and covered bins in all areas the children will be accessing
- cleaning frequently- touched surfaces often during the day, using standard products, such as detergents and bleach
- By ensuring the toilet area is cleaned regularly
- by ensuring gloves and aprons are always available when cleaning a toilet.
- having cleaning procedures in place in case of suspected COVID.
- by removing all soft furnishings from the inside setting

- by minimising close contact between children and staff when possible
- Reducing the number of children in the setting at any one time, allocating each child 2 full days (except children of critical workers or vulnerable children)
- Being outside as much as possible to reduce risk of infection;
- cleaning and where appropriate throwing away materials and equipment used at the end of the sessions
- not using materials that could easily spread infection (ie playdough, sand, soft toys)
- bagging all waste at the end of the day
- being particularly careful at snack and meal times to minimize risk of cross-infection
- Restricting numbers at tables (areas are marked) for both meals and play.