



St Peter's Pre-School Policies and Procedures
2014

11. Health and Hygiene

St Peter's Pre-School promotes a healthy lifestyle and a high standard of hygiene in its day-to-day work with children and adults. This is achieved in the following ways:

Information Sources:

- Parents will have the opportunity to discuss health issues with pre-school staff and will have access to information available to the pre-school.
- The pre-school will maintain links with health professionals and gather health information and advice from the local health authority information services and/or other health agencies.

Communicable Diseases:

In the event of any child attending preschool having a communicable disease as defined by the Health Protection Agency, OFSTED will be informed immediately.

Food:

See Food & Drink Policy

Outdoor Play:

- Children will have the opportunity to play outside throughout the year in the pre-school's own outside play area, weather and play surface permitting.

Personal Hygiene:

To prevent the spread of infection, adults in the group will ensure that the following good practices are observed:

- Hands washed after using the toilet and before handling food.
- Children with pierced ears not allowed to share each other's earrings.
- Children encouraged to blow and wipe their noses when necessary and to dispose of soiled tissues hygienically.
- Paper towels are used and disposed of appropriately.
- Hygiene rules relating to bodily fluids followed with particular care, and all staff and volunteers aware of how infections (including HIV infection) can be transmitted.

Cleaning and Clearing:

- Any spills of blood, vomit or excrement wiped up and flushed away down the toilet. Rubber gloves always



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used when cleaning up spills of body fluids. Floors and other affected surfaces cleaned with an appropriate cleaning liquid. Clothing contaminated with body fluids are put in bags and handed to parents/carers.

- Spare laundered pants and other clothing available in case of accidents, and polythene bags available in which to wrap soiled garments.
- All surfaces cleaned daily with an appropriate cleaner.

Headlice:

- Notices will be posted to alert parents to the presence of headlice within the preschool.
- Parents of children noted to have headlice or eggs will be discreetly notified by staff at the end of the session.
- Parents are requested to treat all family members for headlice immediately they are noticed. Children cannot return to preschool until they have been successfully treated using an approved method – conditioner and comb are the most effective method.

This policy was adopted at a meeting of the Pre-school held on (Date)

Signed on behalf of the Pre-school: (Chairperson)