**Hygiene Policy**

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| Kinnegad Community Childcare Clg is committed to the promotion of a healthy environment and a high standard of personal hygiene for adults and children. Kinnegad Community Childcare will comply with all relevant legislation including the Childcare Act 1991 (Early Years Services) Regulations 2016. |

Staff should communicate the reasons for hygiene practices with children:

* washing hands after using the toilet.
* washing hands before and after handling food.
* staff must be aware at all times of their personal and professional hygiene practices and routines as they are setting an example for the children in their care.

All cuts and sores must be covered with suitable dressing

Dealing with spills:

* Good quality disposable gloves must be used when cleaning up spills of body fluids (vomit, blood, urine and excrement).
* Any spills of body fluids or excrement should be wiped up with disposable paper towels and hygienically disposed of in double plastic bags.
* A supply of clean clothing should be readily available when needed.
* A supply of polythene bags should be available to wrap soiled garments.
* Treat the area of the accident with relevant cleaning solution diluted according to manufacturer’s instructions using disposable gloves

Mops for general floor washing must be washed weekly (washing machine at a high temperature) and should be left to air dry

All toilets and washing basins must be cleaned and disinfected every day

There must be a daily and weekly cleaning routine for floors, tables, play equipment (both indoor and outdoor) and frequently mouthed objects.

Sand will be changed regularly and covered when not in use, water trays will be emptied and sanitized daily.

All cleaning clothes, towels etc must be changed daily. Disposable hand towel will be used for drying hands.

Different cleaning clothes must be used for kitchen and bathroom.

Any leftover food must be properly disposed of.

Routine cleaning which may pose a safety risk should not take place when children are on the premises.

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