

## **Blood Transmitted Disease Policy**

Staff and parents of children attending the crèche are asked to inform the crèche manager if they have a blood transmitted disease.

The general procedures are as follows and are carried out by staff on a daily basis

- Staff are aware of the importance of taking precautions when dealing with blood and body fluids and will avoid contact at all times by the use of personal protective equipment provided.
- Staff will supervise children at all times when they are using scissors or sharp implements
- Staff must wear protective gloves and plastic aprons when handling blood spillages, assisting a child to the toilet and during nappy changing.
- Disposable gloves and plastic aprons will be available throughout the crèche at all times.

If an accident occurs staff must tell the manager or assistant manager immediately.

- Appropriate procedures will be followed in the event of a serious accident or blood spillage.
- If a staff member comes into contact with blood, the child's record form will be checked to assess if the child has a blood transmitted disease.
- The staff member will be brought to a doctor if the child's parents have identified that their child has a blood transmitted disease.

Staff will be made aware of these procedures during their induction training.

On going staff education and In Service Training for infectious control guidelines shall be made available.

All staff shall be encouraged to be immunised for Hepatitis B.

All staff are encouraged to have their immunisation status checked by a doctor when working with children.