

Infection Control Policy

Crèche Cois Laoi is committed to limiting the spread of infection and will ensure that the good hygienic practices are the norm in the crèche's daily routine.

Daily Cleaning Routine

- Crèche Cois Laoi will be cleaned daily, including disinfecting toilets, hand basins, walls' surrounding these areas, all vinyl floors, the kitchen, children's dining areas, and table and counter surfaces that children touch, vacuuming all carpets; removing all rubbish.
- The cover of the nappy changing table should be disinfected or disposed of after each soiled nappy is removed. Soiled nappies will be held or disposed of in closed disposal containers, to which children do not have access.
- Adults working with children will only spend a minimum amount of time on maintenance chores while children are present, so that the majority of cleaning will be done before and after opening hours. Exceptions to this are cleaning nappy changing tables following soiled nappy removal; cleaning tables, chairs and floors in feeding areas, following; washing out and sterilising baby's bottles.
- Toys and equipment will be washed and/or disinfected regularly. Toys must be disinfected after any contact with an infectious child.
- Potties will be washed and disinfected after every use.
- Soothers will be used only when necessary and sterilised regularly.

Hand washing

- Hand washing is an important method controlling the spread of infections, especially those that cause diarrhoea and vomiting.
- Staff will always wash their hands with soap and warm water before food preparation and handling and after nappy changes and toileting children.
- Disposable towels will be provided around basins that staff are likely to use for hand washing
- Signs will be posted to remind adults to follow the hand washing procedure, and ensure that children learn the need to do so. This is essential for all adults

Other measures that will help prevent transmission of infection include

Facilities for the hygienic disposal of tissues after nose wiping will be available in each room.

Gloves will be provided for staff and should be worn when children are having their nappies changed, if a child has a toileting accident or if a child vomits.

Hairnets will be provided for staff to wear when they are preparing food.

Children's bedding will be washed twice a week or whenever soiled, and used by only one child between washings. Children's bedding will be marked and stored in their own individual huddies to avoid confusion.

Children should be dressed appropriately for cold or rainy weather, with coats and jackets buttoned up. Scarves, gloves, boots and hats should be used as necessary.

Staff have a responsibility to see that children are properly dressed when out of doors. Spare sets of clothing should be available in case of accidents, or children being cold or wet. Articles of clothing will not be used by more than one child in between washes.