



### Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Policy

PPE - Equipment a person wears to protect themselves against one or more risks to their health or safety, including exposure to infections. In a nursery setting this would include single-use disposable gloves and disposable aprons.

The nursery has a duty to protect the health, safety and welfare of all users and employees as well as a duty of care. In addition to this the prevention and control of infection is essential in helping to establish a safe and secure environment in which children can learn and develop through play.

The following policy has been written based on the current guidance published by Health Protection Scotland, *Infection Prevention and Control in Childcare Settings (Day Care and Childminding Settings)* September 2015; Care Inspectorate, *Disposable Gloves: use and management*, 10<sup>th</sup> April 2014.

#### Our PPE procedures:

- PPE is purchased from a reputable source and disposable gloves conform to British Standard EN 455 and/or carry the CE mark. This ensures that the product is to the required standard, the packaging is marked as single use.
- Staff are asked to consider the fit of the gloves to ensure that they are well fitting, comfortable and flexible. If another type/size of glove is required then it will be purchased.
- All gloves are latex free.
- PPE is readily available to staff and is located at point of need. It is stored appropriately to prevent environmental contamination.
- PPE specifically gloves are stored in the original box to ensure identification of batch number and expiry date. The Medical and Healthcare products Regulatory Agent [www.mhra.gov.uk](http://www.mhra.gov.uk) is checked monthly to ensure awareness of any safety alerts linked to gloves in use by setting.
- Staff receive training based on preventing infection in care produced by NHS Education Scotland with specific reference to PPE. This can be accessed through; [http://www.nes.scot.nhs.uk/education-and-training/by-theme-initiative/healthcare-associated-infections/training-resources/personal-protective-equipment-\(ppe\).aspx](http://www.nes.scot.nhs.uk/education-and-training/by-theme-initiative/healthcare-associated-infections/training-resources/personal-protective-equipment-(ppe).aspx)
- When dealing with blood or bodily fluids - PPE is worn, soiled articles are carefully placed into a disposable bag and disposed of in the nappy bin. Soiled nappies are bagged and disposed of in the nappy bin located in the changing room.
- Disposable aprons (blue) are worn when preparing food. These are then disposed of in the bin located in the kitchen area. Disposable aprons (white) and disposable gloves are worn when dealing with intimate care needs. These are disposed of in the nappy bin located in the changing room.
- Staff wash and dry their hands after removing and disposing of PPE gloves.
- This policy is closely linked to our nappy changing and infection control policy.