



# Little Feet Childcare Centre Limited

*"we care for your child"*

## CHILD HYGIENE POLICY

### Rationale:

At Little Feet Childcare Centre we are committed to maintaining high standards of hygiene. Continued good health and wellbeing of the children is of primary importance to us.

- Tissues and paper hand towels are available for the children to use at all times.
- We will endeavour to keep the children's faces and hands clean (e.g. children will be prompted to wipe runny noses, or staff will assist them as necessary).
- Children will wash and dry their hands before eating and after toileting.
- Children will be encouraged to maintain effective personal hygiene habits e.g. washing their own hands before and after eating and after toileting.
- Children who become 'contaminated' or 'soiled' will be cleaned immediately.
- Staff should wear disposable gloves (as deemed necessary).
- In the nappy change area, children will be asked to remove soiled clothing, or assisted as necessary.
- Soiled clothing will be put in a bucket and rinsed afterwards.
- The child will be cleaned up as necessary.
- The shower cubicle in the Nappy Change area can be used for a more thorough clean down as necessary. Children should be wrapped in towel if they need to be carried through from the babies' room.
- The child should be re-dressed in their spare clothes.
- The shower cubicle (if used) and the changing area should be cleaned with Germex.
- The soiled clothes should be rinsed thoroughly, put in a plastic bag, and put in the child's bag cubby.

### **Dummies:**

- Dummies won't be shared.
- Dummies dropped on the ground will be washed.
- We will encourage the use of dummies for comfort only.
- Dummies must be sterilised at home, as no feeding bottles or dummies will be sterilized in the centre.

### **Cuddles and Soft Toys:**

- If a child comes to the centre with cuddles and soft toys from home, it is the parents' responsibility to wash their child's cuddly and soft toys at home.