

# Little Feet Childcare Centre Limited

"we care for your child"

# Pest Control Policy HS16

## Rationale

Little Feet Childcare Centre aims to provide an environment which is free of pest and vermin and its harmful effects.

**Pesticide**: is a substance or a mixture of substances intended for preventing, destroying, repelling, or mitigating any pest.

### The Centre will attempt to prevent infestation by:

- Taking out trash daily or as needed
- Cleaning trash cans regularly
- Keeping trash cans or dumpsters covered and away from the building
- Keeping grounds clear of food and rubbish
- Preventing pest entry into the facility by sealing cracks and holes and using door stoppers as required
- Controlling moisture by maintaining plumbing and water drainage systems.
- Managing weeds effectively
- If a staff member sights any pest or vermin within the centre premises, they must inform the manager immediately.
- No bait will be laid down while children are present in the centre or during the centre operational hours.
- To control flies and cockroaches, the centre will use low allergic and odourless spray. Staff will ensure that no child is present in the area that is been sprayed.
- To control fleas, flea bombs will be used outside the centres operational hours.
- To control sand flies, sand pit will be raked twice a day and kept uncovered for maximum sun exposure during the day. Sand salt will be added to the sandpit every six months.
- Any deceased pest and/or pest wastes found on the premises will be disposed immediately and the area will be disinfected. Hand gloves must be worn at all times.

### All disinfectant and pesticides are kept out of reach of children at all times!