



Little Feet Childcare Centre Limited

"we care for your child"

Hand Washing Policy (PF20)

Rationale:

At Little Feet Childcare Centre, we aim to promote the health of all children and adults by minimizing hand transmitted infections.

Procedures:

- As part of our daily routine, children who can independently wash their hands are encouraged to do so;
 - Before and after meals
 - After blowing their nose, sneezing
 - After using the toilet
 - After playing outside
 - After handling rubbish
 - After scratching sores
 - After picking their nose
- Under Two children will be supported with their handwashing prior to eating and when appropriate.
- Paper towels are available in paper towel dispensers in each room near the handwashing areas for drying hands.
- Hand Dryers are located near the hand washing basins for children to dry their hands.
- Handwashing guidelines are posted in all handwashing areas.
- Soap dispenses are placed in all handwashing areas.
- Staff must wash their hands and wear hand gloves before and after preparing, handling, and serving food to children.
- **Please ensure that staffs will be required to change their hand gloves if they clean any child's nose, engage in any sort of cleaning or help in setting up sleeping beds before going back to serve children again at mealtimes.**
- Staff must wear hand gloves if they come in contact with any types of either children's or adults body fluids and wash their hands thoroughly after.
- Hand sanitizers are placed on the walls around the Centre.