



Little Feet Childcare Centre Limited

"we care for your child"

CHILD HYGIENE POLICY

Rationale:

Little Feet Childcare Centre is committed to providing and maintaining a high standard of hygienic environment for all our Tamariki, Kaiako, families/Whanau, in order to promote good health and wellbeing for all.

Practices and Procedures for General Hygiene:

- Daily cleaning will be carried out by the staff only if the correct and required adult child ratios are still maintained.
- Kaiako will support the Tamariki's hygiene by role modelling hygienic practices such as thoroughly hand washing and drying during the day.
- Children will be encouraged to maintain effective personal hygiene habits e.g. washing their hands before and after eating and after toileting.
- Tissues and paper towels are always available in the hand washing area for the children to use. Tissue dispensers are located through out the centre for children's easy access.
- All staff will endeavour to keep the children's face and hands clean (e.g. children will be prompted to wipe runny noses, or staff will assist them as necessary).
- Children's clothes will immediately be changed if they get wet and/or dirty.
- The child should be re-dressed in their spare clothes.
- The soiled clothes should be rinsed thoroughly, put in a plastic bag, and placed in the child's bag cubby.
- Kaiako's and all other staffs are required to wear disposable hand gloves whenever they
 - Come into contact with blood
 - Come into contact with bodily waste products
 - Applying first aid
 - Changing nappies or soiled pants
 - Have cuts or skin lesions on their own hands that are not covered.
 - Cleaning
 - Preparing Food

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 and feeding bottles 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.