Nose Wiping

1. Policy Statement
The centre will minimise the spread and risks of infectious diseases between children, other children and children’s centre staff by ensuring nose wiping is conducted in an efficient way and according to recommended guidelines.

2. Legislative Requirements

Education and Care Services National Regulations 2011:
- 77 Health, hygiene and safe food practices
  1. The approved provider of an education and care service must ensure that the nominated supervisor and staff members of, and volunteers at, the service implement:
    a) adequate health and hygiene practices
  2. The nominated supervisor of an education and care service must implement, and ensure that all staff members of, and volunteers at, the service implement:
    a) adequate health and hygiene practices

National Quality Standard 2010:
- 2.1.1 Each child’s health needs are supported.
- 2.1.3 Effective hygiene practices are promoted and implemented.

Children and Young Person (Care and Protection) Act 1998

3. Who is affected by this policy?
   a) Children
   b) Staff
   c) Parents
   d) Management

4. Implementation
To minimise the spread and risks of infectious diseases between children, other children and children’s centre staff by ensuring nose wiping is conducted in an efficient way and according to recommended guidelines.

All centre staff will:
   A. Ensure gloves and disposable tissues are used by all staff to wipe children's noses.
   B. Teach children to wipe their own nose with a disposable tissue, and how to keep and dispose of tissues in a rubbish bin.
   C. Ensure both staff and children wash their hands after nose wiping.
   D. Ensure visitors and students follow the procedure

The Licensee/Director/Supervisor will ensure that this policy is maintained and implemented at all times.

5. Sources
- Education and Care Services National Regulations 2011:
- National Quality Standard 2010

6. Review
The policy will be reviewed annually. Review will be conducted by management, employees, parents and any interested parties.

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