

Infection Control Policy and Procedure

At the GGCA, we promote the good health for everyone including children and young people attending our various provisions through maintaining good hygiene standards and reducing the chances of infection being spread. In addition to our own procedures, we will also follow any guidance put forward by public health and/or Welsh Government for Infection Prevention and Control.

Viruses and infections can be easily passed from person to person by breathing in air containing the virus which is produced when an infected person talks, coughs or sneezes. It can also spread through hand/face contact after touching a person or surface contaminated with viruses.

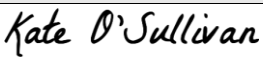

We follow the procedures outline below to prevent a virus or infection from moving around the setting. We:

- Encourage everyone including all children and young people to use tissues when coughing and sneezing to catch germs
- Ensure all tissues are disposed of in a hygienic way and everyone including all children, young people and staff wash their hands once the tissue is disposed of
- Develop children and young people's understanding of the above and the need for good hygiene procedures in helping them to stay healthy
- Wear the appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) when dealing with any bodily fluids. Staff are requested to dispose of these in the appropriate manner and wash hands immediately
- Clean toilets at least daily and check them throughout the day
- Remind children and young people to wash their hands before eating, after visiting the toilet, playing outside or being in contact with any animal and explain the reasons for this
- Clean all materials, equipment and resources on a regular basis by following a comprehensive cleaning rota and using antibacterial cleanser or through washing in the washing machine
- Follow sickness and illness policy when children or young people are ill to prevent the spread of any infection in the setting. Staff are also requested to stay at home if they are contagious.

In addition:

- The Children and Young People's Development Officer reserves the right to refuse entry into the setting of all children, young people, parents, staff and visitors who are deemed contagious and may impact on the welfare of the rest of the setting
- Service Users including Parents will be made aware of the need for these procedures in order for them to follow these guidelines whilst in the setting
- Periodically the setting will be deep cleaned including any carpets and soft furnishings to ensure the spread of infection is limited. This will be implemented earlier if the need arises
- The setting will ensure stocks of tissues, hand washing equipment, cleaning materials etc are maintained at all times and increased during the winter months or when flu and cold germs are circulating.
- In the event of an infection outbreak the setting, we may, where appropriate, undertake a deep clean to ensure the spread of infection is contained
- We will follow any the Government health guidance, as well as any legal advice and our information from our insurers on any national outbreak of a virus/ pandemic and keep parents informed of any course of action. Each specific circumstances will differ and to ensure we take the most appropriate action we will treat each case on an individual basis

This policy was adopted on 14.10.2025 and will be reviewed on or before 14.10.2026

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