

	Procedure
	Procedure Category: PREMISES & FACILITIES
	Date Created: November 2016
	Procedure Name: PF26 Washing Sick/Soiled Children

Purpose

The purpose of this operational procedure is to ensure that hygiene and infection control outcomes are met in alignment with Licencing Criteria **PF26**.

HS30: Children are washed when they are soiled or pose a health risk to themselves or others.

Position Statement

We will ensure that all reasonable steps are taken to prevent the spread of infection among children and staff at Grow. Grow provides a procedure for washing sick or soiled children which promotes high standards of hygiene, health and safety. Children's dignity, comfort and well-being is a priority in our Centre practices.

Issue Outline

Sometimes, children will need to have all or part of their bodies washed, which might be necessary, for example, when -

- At nappy changing times, wipes are not enough the soiled child is cleaned thoroughly
- A child has vomited over themselves
- A child has had a toileting accident
- If children become very dirty during play.

Following this procedure will reduce the risk of the adult washing the child being infected and ensure there is no cross contamination or spread of infection to other adults or children. Following this procedure will promote consistency of practice between staff.

Alignment with Policies

This procedure aligns with the following Centre Policy:

- Nappy Changing Policy & Procedure
- Nappy Changing Facilities
- Infectious Disease/Illness Policy
- Laundry Policy

Detail

Staff member/teacher to notify another staff member before washing child.

Children must be treated with respect throughout the process and reassured if required.

Procedure

Step	Procedure
1.	Adult must use gloves and any protective clothing provided by the Centre to remove soiled clothing, seal in double plastic bags
2.	Adult to wash the child using the facilities provided and using a disposable cloth or a cloth specific for the task
3.	Adult to put on clean gloves, child to be dried and dressed in their own spare clothing
4.	Adult to use bathroom specific disinfectant spray to clean the area used for washing the child
5.	Use disposable cleaning equipment if possible, e.g. cloths and mop heads. If using a re-usable mop, soak in 0.1% bleach solution after use for at least 30 minutes. Use separate cloths for high risk areas specific for the task e.g. toilet and bathroom.
6.	Pay closest attention to areas of likely contamination and hand contact surfaces, for example toilets, bathroom floors and walls (especially the area surrounding the toilet after vomiting and diarrhoea), doorknobs, sinks, taps, benches, handrails and light switches.
7.	Towel/cloths used to be soaked in labelled bucket then washed in washing machine separate from any other items on a hot wash, with Laundry Sanitiser to be added to wash cycle.
8.	Wash hands thoroughly using warm water and soap, dry using paper towels, follow up with an alcohol based hand sanitizer if available
9.	If a specific bucket is used for cleaning up, then it must be hygienically cleaned after use in a task specific area to avoid cross contamination following the same steps as above.

Relevant Background (including Legislation/Regulation/Licensing references)

Licensing Criteria 2008, Premises and Facilities

- **PF26:** There are suitable facilities provided for washing sick or soiled children and a procedure outlining how hygiene and infection control outcomes will be met when washing sick and soiled children.

Implementation

Clear processes and procedures have been developed and staff trained to follow them.

Review

Review as per review schedule or when there is a significant change in the area of the policy topic or the procedure.

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