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## **BASK Infection Control**

At **BASK** we promote the good health of all children through maintaining high hygiene standards and reducing the chances of the spread of infection.

Viruses and infections including covid 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 guidance on Infection Prevention and Control in Childcare Settings (Day Care and Childminding Settings) as directed by Infection Control Team Scotland and the exclusion criteria from the 'Childcare and Childminding Settings' guidance on exclusion times for specific illnesses, e.g. sickness and diarrhoea, measles and chicken pox, to protect other children in BASK.

Our staff:

- Encourage all children use tissues when coughing and sneezing to catch germs
- Ensure all tissues are disposed of in a hygienic way and all children and staff wash their hands once the tissue is disposed of
- Develop children'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 or changing children who have nosebleeds, a bleeding wound, vomited, wet or soiled themselves. Staff are requested to dispose of these in the appropriate manner and wash hands immediately.
- Remind children to wash their hands regularly and especially before eating, after visiting the toilet, playing outside or being in contact with any animal and explain the reasons for this
- Clean all toys, equipment and resources on a regular basis.
- Follow the sickness and illness policy when children are ill to prevent the spread of any infection in BASK. Staff are also requested to stay at home if they are contagious.

In addition:

- BASK manager retains the right of refusal of all children, parents, staff and visitors who are deemed contagious and may impact on the welfare of the rest of BASK
- Parents will be made aware of the need for these procedures in order for them to follow these guidelines whilst in BASK

BASK will ensure stocks of tissues, hand washing equipment, cleaning materials and sterilising fluid are maintained at all times and increased during the winter months or when flu and cold germs are circulating