



Infection Control Policy

Policy Statement

Pavilion Pre School (Aigburth) CIO is committed to providing a safe and healthy environment for children, staff, and visitors. Infection control measures are essential to prevent the spread of illnesses and protect the wellbeing of everyone attending the setting.

Purpose

- To reduce the risk of infection for children, staff, and visitors.
- To ensure clear procedures are in place for managing illness, hygiene, and outbreaks.
- To comply with Public Health England (PHE) / UK government guidance on infection control.

Responsibilities

Staff:

- Follow hygiene procedures at all times.
- Report any signs of illness in children or staff immediately.
- Encourage children to follow hygiene practices.

Managers / Supervisors:

- Ensure staff are trained in infection control.
- Monitor implementation of hygiene and cleaning procedures.
- Notify relevant authorities in the event of outbreaks (e.g., local Health Protection Team).



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Parents / Carers:

- Keep children at home if they are unwell.
- Inform the setting of any infectious illnesses.
- Support hygiene measures such as handwashing and covering coughs/sneezes.

Hand Hygiene

- Staff and children must wash hands:
 - On arrival and before leaving the setting.
 - Before and after eating.
 - After using the toilet or changing nappies.
 - After handling animals, rubbish, or bodily fluids.
- Use liquid soap and warm water, scrubbing for at least 20 seconds.
- Dry hands thoroughly using disposable towels.

Cleaning and Disinfection

- Regular cleaning schedule in place for toys, surfaces, and equipment.
- Toilets, nappy changing areas, and communal areas cleaned daily.
- Spills of blood or bodily fluids cleaned immediately using appropriate disinfectant and protective gloves.
- Toys and equipment are cleaned more frequently during outbreaks.



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Illness and Exclusion

Children and staff should stay at home if they have:

- Fever (temperature above 38°C)
- Vomiting or diarrhoea (exclude until 48 hours after last episode)
- Contagious infections such as chickenpox, measles, or whooping cough

Procedure:

- Parents contacted immediately if a child becomes unwell during the session.
- Staff may be asked to go home if unwell.
- Children who become unwell at the setting are cared for in an isolated area until collected.

Immunisations

- Staff and children are encouraged to be up-to-date with vaccinations in line with NHS guidance.
- Records of immunisations maintained confidentially.

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

- Gloves and aprons worn for nappy changing, cleaning up spills, or handling bodily fluids.
- Face masks used if directed by Public Health authorities.



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Food Handling

- Staff follow hygiene procedures when preparing or serving food.
- Children are encouraged to wash hands before eating.
- Food prepared and stored following Food Standards Agency (FSA) guidance.

Outbreaks and Reporting

- Suspected outbreaks of infectious diseases reported to the local Health Protection Team.
- Follow guidance on exclusion periods, hygiene measures, and communication with parents.

This policy was adopted in November 2025

This policy will be reviewed annually or as required

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Signed by Chair of Trustees:

Signed by Operations Manager: