HYGIENE POLICY

CLEANING

The Lodge strives to provide a safe, welcoming and clean environment for the children to grow and develop within. The Lodge is thoroughly cleaned every morning, prior to the children's arrival. We have multiple cleaners to ensure each area of the Nursery is cleaned to the highest standards and ready for the children. All of the staff within the Lodge works within a set 'cleaning colour code' when using clothes, mops etc to ensure we have not cross contaminating between the different areas. There are designated areas within the Lodge for safe storing of cleaning chemicals, all chemicals which could potentially cause harm to the children are safely locked away. All chemicals that are used within the Lodge are recorded accordingly in our COSHH folder. Each room has a cleaning regime that is followed on a daily, weekly and monthly basis,to ensure the resources are hygienically clean for purpose.

FOOD SAFETY

The Lodge Day Nursery is a registered food provider and has regular inspections from our local authority. We always maintain the highest possible food hygiene standards with regards to storage, preparing and serving foods.

Our current food hygiene rating is 5* and we are meeting and exceeding all legal requirements with all the control requirements in place

Food preparation areas within the rooms are thoroughly cleaned before and after use. A cleaning schedule is followed by all staff within The Lodge. The Lodge kitchen offers separate facilities for hand-washing and for washing up. All our utensils, food storages etc are cleaned and stored appropriately. Food is stored at the correct temperatures and is continuously checked to ensure we are meeting the legal safety requirements.

The Lodge uses cleaning materials that are all stored away from children's reach and children do not have unsupervised access to the kitchen. Please see our COSHH policy for further information.

For health safety reasons we have a ban on the use of chewing gum within The Lodge building at any time.

STERILISING ITEMS

Within The Lodge Discoverers rooms we provide the babies with beakers, bottles and spare dummies. We follow daily cleaning procedures to ensure that all items are regularly sterilised and this is monitored and followed by all staff. Water Beakers are sterilised for all children under 12 months. Bottles (baby) are all sterilised before use of any child.

NAPPY CHANGING

- When changing a nappy, staff members have the choice to wear disposable gloves, if they choose not to wear gloves then they MUST make sure they wash their hands before they change the child. When using gloves they must be removed after every nappy change and disposed of in the yellow nappy bin provided.
- After changing a nappy, the mat must be sprayed with the anti-bac after every nappy change. (Please wash hands after each nappy change)
- Potties – After use, staff need to dispose of the waste appropriately in a toilet, potties must be cleaned with anti-bac and put away immediately.
- Children need to wash their hands after using the potty, toilet and after having their nappy changed.
- All nappies and wipes and gloves must be put into the yellow disposing bins provided.
- The Nappy changing dry wipe boards, have a photo taken at the end of the day and filed into a file for future reference.