



Walsall Childminding Hub

Infection Prevention & Control Risk Assessment

Setting: St Matthew's Centre, Walsall

This risk assessment outlines the measures in place to reduce the spread of infection and maintain a clean, healthy environment for children, staff and visitors.

Hazard	Potential Risk	Control Measures	Risk
Poor hand hygiene	Spread of infection	Children wash hands before eating and after outdoor play, painting and play dough activities. Staff follow the same handwashing routine.	Low
Contaminated surfaces	Spread of germs	Tables are cleaned before, during and after each session using appropriate cleaning products (e.g. Dettol spray).	Low
Contaminated toys	Cross infection	Toys and equipment are cleaned immediately if mouthed or contaminated.	Low
Child becomes unwell	Illness spread	Staff assess the child, contact parents promptly and arrange collection where appropriate. The child is cared for in the designated isolation area (corridor sofas) while supervised.	Medium
Infectious diseases	Transmission to others	UK Health Security Agency exclusion guidance is followed for infectious illnesses.	Low
Bodily fluids	Cross contamination	Disposable gloves are worn for first aid and toilet cleaning. Hands are washed thoroughly after glove removal.	Low
Toilets	Spread of infection	Toilets are checked regularly and cleaned throughout the day by Hub staff.	Low
Coughs & sneezes	Airborne infection	Children are encouraged to catch coughs and sneezes and wash their hands afterwards.	Low
Waste	Cross contamination	Used tissues, gloves and other waste are disposed of safely in the centre's bins.	Low
Food hygiene	Foodborne illness	Children wash hands before meals and tables are cleaned before food is served.	Low
Staff illness	Transmission to children	Staff do not attend work if they have sickness, diarrhoea or another infectious illness.	Low

Additional Control Measures

- Cleaning is carried out throughout each session.
- PPE is available for first aid and cleaning tasks.

- Parents are informed promptly if their child becomes unwell.
- Good respiratory hygiene is promoted with all children.
- This assessment is reviewed annually or sooner if guidance or practice changes.