



Montessori Children's House
St. Andrews
Infection Control policy

In order to avoid the spread of infectious diseases the following guidelines should be observed:

- . Phone the Children's House as soon as your child is diagnosed with an infectious complaint.
- . A child should be away from nursery after commencement of the illness for a period as follows;

Chicken Pox	5 days (from when rash appears and spots are crusted over)
Measles	5 days after the rash appears
Mumps	5 days after onset of swollen glands
German Measles	5 days after the onset of the rash
Whooping Cough	Until 5 days after starting antibiotics or 21 days after onset
Sickness/Diarrhoea	48 hours after both have ceased.
Scabies	Until after first treatment
Ringworm	Until on treatment
Impetigo	Until lesions have crusted over
Foot and Mouth	Until the blisters have dried out and even then care must be taken with the faeces.
Head Lice	Please do not bring a child to nursery until you have treated them

. If a child is ill while at nursery the child's guardian or parent will be contacted and if it's deemed necessary, may be asked to take the child home.

. Parents/guardians will be notified if there are any infectious diseases present at the nursery.

. To minimise the risk of infection we would encourage good personal hygiene and care in the environment:

- regular hand washing with soap, before eating and after being outside
- covering mouth when coughing/sneezing and using a tissue where possible

- dispose of tissues into the rubbish bin promptly
- keep hard surfaces clean eg door handles and food preparation areas
- change cooking aprons after each use
- place cups and saucers children have used and washed in a separate area to be washed again
- separate colour coded cloths will be used for cleaning different areas of the classroom
- teachers will use gloves and special cleaning materials in a demarcated area when changing a child. See nappy changing policy.

Children will be taught personal hygiene techniques and care of the environment through grace and courtesy exercises and practical life activities and will be encouraged to use these techniques on a daily basis.