

St Mawgan Pre-school Procedure for the Prevention of an Outbreak of Flu.

With the outbreak of flu, or we have produced this document to help reassure parents that we are doing all we can to prevent the spread of this infection and that the welfare of the children is paramount at all times.

We are kept up to date by NHS Cornwall and Isles of Scilly and follow advice given by the government and the Local Authority

Method

- Checking all contact details are up to date: address, telephone (home, work, mobile.)
- We have increased our level of supervision over the children's hand washing to promote effective hand washing at all times, for example always using soap, and washing between fingers, in order to maintain high standards of hygiene.
- We have increased the cleaning of surfaces and equipment that the children touch frequently, in order to continue to maintain high standards of hygiene
- Children and staff cover their mouths when coughing or sneezing (with a tissue, not with their hands)
- Throw dirty tissues away quickly into bins - we are increasing the availability of tissues and bins
- We engage the children in simple role-play activities as a group, to practice using tissues when coughing and sneezing to cover our mouth or nose, throwing the tissue away quickly and carefully, and washing hands regularly with soap and water
- Follow the governments advice – Catch it, Bin it, Kill It
- Use anti-bacterials on contact points(light switches, door handles etc) at least once per day.
- Disinfect washroom areas daily, (floor, toilet and sink)
- Parents/carers are contacted if there is a case of flu amongst the children, or suspect the children may be at risk.
- Any child with flu-like symptoms should return home as soon as possible and advised to contact their GP.
- We ask that if a doctor advises anti-viral treatment for a child, to please let the setting know as soon as possible.
- It is the preschool's stated aim to 'provide care for healthy children in part by preventing the spread of infection'. (May we remind parents that it is not the preschool's policy to accept sick children into the setting, who should be at home until well enough to return.)
- Please ask a member of staff if you have any queries here.
- For more information please see or phone (www.nhs.uk or www.direct.gov.uk)

This policy was adopted at a meeting of St Mawgan Pre-school name of setting

Held on _____ (date)

Date to be reviewed _____ (date)

Signed on behalf of the management
committee

Name of signatory _____

Role of signatory (e.g. chair/owner) _____