



Cairndow Community Childcare Limited Policy No.22 **INFECTION CONTROL POLICY**

This policy was written in conjunction with staff and committee of Cairndow Community Childcare Ltd.

Cairndow Community Childcare is aware that the prevention and control of infection is essential in helping to establish a safe and secure environment in which children can learn and develop through play.

Staff will be made aware of hygiene procedures to minimise the sources and further spread of infection. Adherence to the requirements of the Food Safety Act is very important. Food requiring refrigeration must be kept at a temperature of 5 degrees C or below, covered and dated. Hands must be washed before and after handling food, which can only be prepared in clean, disinfected and designated areas and reminders of hand washing procedures shown at relevant places.

Children should be encouraged to wash their hands, in clean water, as a matter of routine after using the toilet and before snacks and meals. All cuts and open sores should be covered and gloves and aprons made available at accidents to avoid contact with blood and bodily fluids. Separate toilet facilities for adults and children should be available.

The Public Health Notice giving information on Exclusion Periods of Communicable Diseases must be on display and parents reminded when a child falls ill. It is the responsibility of the Manager along with staff to monitor, evaluate and review the above arrangements and to adjust them according to need.