



Process for Ensuring the Cleanliness of Preschool Equipment

Preschool staff have a duty of care to ensure preschool equipment and facilities are hygienic and fit for use by staff and children. While there is no set timetable for washing particular pieces of equipment, the following process has been designed to minimise contamination and cross-contamination of all types of equipment. This process works on the premise that no equipment will be returned to a store room or removed from the preschool room without first being cleaned. Consequently, all equipment in store rooms is considered to be clean and ready to use at any time.

Any piece of equipment that has been put into a child's mouth or contaminated with bodily fluids (such as nasal discharge, vomit, urine) must immediately be removed and washed. If there is an outbreak of an infectious condition, all equipment that could have been accessed by the infected child or educator must be washed before being returned to the preschool room.

The attached proforma is to be completed as equipment is washed. There is no requirement to wash equipment that has not been used as only clean equipment is returned to store rooms. The intent of the proforma is to record the cleaning of equipment as it is returned to store rooms or cleaned due to an outbreak of an infectious condition.

