

## **Process for ensuring the cleanliness of preschool equipment Caroline Chisholm Preschool Unit**

Preschool educators and staff have a duty of care to ensure preschool equipment and facilities are hygienic and fit for use by all parties. 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 resources. This system works on the basis that no equipment will be returned to storerooms or removed from the preschool premises without first being cleaned. Therefore, all equipment in storerooms is considered to be clean and ready to be used at all times.

- Any piece of equipment that has been put into a child's mouth or contaminated with bodily fluids (such as vomit, urine, nasal discharge etc) must be removed immediately and washed.
- If there is an outbreak of an infectious conditions, all equipment that could have been used or accessed by the person infected must be washed before returned to the preschool room.
- Plastic and dishwasher safe resources will be washed in the dishwasher using a laundry bag to contain small parts.
- Other equipment will be washed with a disinfectant solution to remove all bacteria and thoroughly clean the items.

There is no requirement to wash equipment that has not been used as only clean equipment is returned to store rooms.

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