The School has a duty to protect the health, safety and welfare of all users and employees as well as a duty of care. In addition to this 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.

Minimise sources of contamination
- We will ensure that all nursery staff have Food Hygiene Certificates or other training in food handling.
- We store food that requires refrigeration, covered and dated within a refrigerator, at a temperature of 5°C or below. Fridge temperatures are checked and recorded on a daily basis.
- We wash hands before and after handling food.
- We clean and disinfect food storage and preparation areas before and after use.
- Food is bought from reputable sources and used by the recommended date.

To control the spread of infection
- We ensure good hand washing procedures (see relevant paragraph below)
- Children are encouraged to blow and wipe their own noses when necessary and to dispose of the soiled tissues hygienically.
- We keep a record of the washing and disinfecting of play equipment.
- We cover all cuts and open sores.
- We wear protective clothing when dealing with accidents (e.g. gloves and apron)
- A protocol is in place that is followed regarding contact with bodily fluids.
  - Gloves and apron worn
  - Soiled articles are sealed in a plastic bag
  - Staff aware of procedures for the prevention of HIV infection.

To raise awareness of hygiene procedures
- Inform all attending adults of existing policy and procedures
- Ensure that all student, visitor and new staff induction includes this information.
- Provide visual instructions where possible for ease of understanding.

To prevent cross contamination
- Ensure that adults and children have separate toilet facilities.

To prevent the persistence and further spread of infection
- Ensure that dedicated sinks are clearly marked
- Be vigilant as to signs of infection persisting or recurring.
- Ask parents to keep children at home if they have an infection, and to inform the nursery or school as to the nature of the infection.
- Where necessary and appropriate, e.g. in the case of head lice, parents of pupils in the same class may be informed of an infection being present so that they can check their child on a regular basis.
- Remind parents not to bring a child to nursery or school who has been vomiting or had diarrhoea until at least 48 hours has elapsed since the last attack.

HANDWASHING
The teaching of effective hand washing is part of our school Health programme and it is also a focus on our Nursery curriculum. Pupils are told why it is important to wash our hands and are shown the best way to ensure that they are cleaned thoroughly. We follow the advice of the Scottish Governments National Hand Hygiene Campaign and use their resource pack materials where appropriate. Pupils are taught the importance of good hand washing after visiting the toilet and all classes are encouraged to wash their hands before lunch.