
Policy Statement

- We aim to provide a clean and safe environment by ensuring that every effort is made to maintain a vermin free environment. We will endeavour to do this with the minimum use of chemicals.

Considerations

- ✓ The Education and Care Services National Law 2010
- ✓ The Education and Care Services National Regulation 2011
- ✓ The Education and Care Services National Quality Standards 2011
- ✓ My Time Our Place

Procedures

- Equipment will be stored in a manner to limit exposure to any pests or vermin.
- Food items will be stored in containers so as not to attract vermin and pests. – refer to Activity Centres inc, Food Handling and Storage policy.
- Refuse bins will be emptied and cleaned daily.
- Kitchen and food preparation areas and storage will be cleaned and maintained daily.
- The service will be checked daily for signs of pests or vermin.
- Should any pests or vermin be identified then action shall be taken to rid the service of the problem by:
 - Initially using non-chemical methods such as physical removal, maintaining a clean environment, and use of any non-chemical products.
 - Low irritant, environmentally friendly sprays will be used minimally and only with adequate ventilation and not in the presence of the children.
 - Other methods such as the employment of a pest control company if deemed necessary by the management committee where the above methods have failed.
- If urgent the coordinator or manager will contact the school or parish should also be informed of the issues and will work together to hire a contractor to address the problem.
- If non-urgent the manager will bring the problem to the attention of the committee and the committee will decide on the appropriate course of action.
- Any use of chemicals shall only be conducted outside the hours of the children's and educators presence in the building.
- In extreme cases of infestation, action will be taken to remove the children, educators and parents from the environment for as long as it is safe and viable.

Checklist for Staff

- ☑ Staff must keep all areas clean and tidy free of food scraps and crumbs to avoid attracting vermin.
- ☑ Low irritant, environmentally friendly sprays can be used if needed once the children have gone to school /home.
- ☑ Staff should dispose of any dead vermin and clean and sanitise the area.
- ☑ Infestations need to be reported to management so professional pest control can take place.

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Policy is only endorsed if initialled by 2 members of the management committee

Endorsed by the Management Committee on the 28th April 2017

Management Committee Policy is to be reviewed by the 28th April 2020