



## Infection Control

At **Boom Active** we promote the good health of all children by maintaining high standards of hygiene and taking appropriate steps to reduce the spread of infection. We follow the health protection in schools and other childcare facilities guidance<sup>i</sup> which sets out when and how long children need to be excluded from settings, when treatment and medication is required and where to obtain further advice. Within this document there is also guidance for managing specific infection diseases<sup>ii</sup>

There may be occasions when a child is unwell with a non-excludable illness but where we decide they are too unwell to attend. This will be considered on a case-by-case basis and in discussion with parents/carers.

Viruses and infections are easily passed from person to person by breathing in air produced by an infected person, especially when they talk, cough or sneeze. A virus can also spread by touching the face after touching another person or contaminated surface.

The following procedures are in place to reduce the risk of a virus or infection from spreading throughout the setting.

Our staff:

- encourage all children to use tissues when coughing and sneezing to catch germs “Catch it, bin it, kill it”
- dispose of tissues in a lined lidded bin and immediately wash their and the child’s hands with soap and running water for 20 seconds, dry them afterwards or use alcohol hand rub or sanitiser ensuring that all parts of the hands are covered
- develop children’s understanding of the need for good hygiene procedures in helping them to stay healthy
- check toilets throughout the day to ensure they are clean and that handwashing,
- remind children to wash their hands before eating, after visiting the toilet, playing outside.
- clean all equipment and resources
- check equipment and resources throughout each day and those which are heavily soiled will be cleaned immediately
- follow the sickness and illness policy when children are ill to prevent the spread of any infection in the setting.
- be required to stay at home if they have a contagious infection

In addition:

- Boom Active staff and management retains the right to refuse entry to the premises of all children, parents, staff and visitors who are deemed contagious and who may impact on the welfare of the rest of the programme
- Parents are required to read and understand this policy and comply with the requirements
- The setting reserves the right to close at short notice in line with guidance from H M Government and Public Health England
- The setting will communicate quickly and clearly with parents and keep them up-to-date throughout any closure

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