



**EYFS: Safeguarding and Welfare Requirements
3.50 & 3.51**

Safety and Suitability of Premises, Environment and Equipment

3h.9 Personal Protective Equipment

Policy Statement

We comply with health and safety regulations and the Safeguarding and Welfare Requirements by ensuring adequate provision of personal protective equipment (PPE) for staff. Specifically PPE at Auden Place Community Nursery refers to disposable gloves and disposable aprons.

PPE is required when carrying out tasks where contact with blood and/or other bodily fluids is anticipated. This anticipated contact can be either through direct contact with children or contact with contaminated clothing, toys, equipment or surfaces. The use of PPE at Auden Place is consistent and not based upon whether a child is known to have an infection or not.

Procedures

- Single-use disposable gloves and aprons should be worn for tasks where there is a risk of contact with blood or other bodily fluids. This will include nappy changing or toileting, as well as administering first aid procedures.
- Always thoroughly wash hands with liquid soap and warm water before putting on and after removing PPE.
- NEVER use the same PPE for more than one child or episode of care.
- PPE needs to be disposed of correctly. At Auden Place, we dispose of clinical waste (e.g. used nappies) through a company called Crystal Care. PPE should never be disposed of in the normal bins.

Gloves

- Single-use gloves must be fit for purpose and effectively protect both the child and the staff member.
- Vinyl powder-free gloves are provided for dealing with nappy changing, toileting or with other tasks that do not include blood e.g. dealing with soiled clothes or bedding or if a child is vomiting.
- A variety of sizes are available and they are stored in the nappy changing areas for easy access.
- Nitrile gloves are provided for dealing with tasks involving blood.
- A variety of sizes are available and they are stored in each of the first aid boxes.
- We do not use latex, polythene or plastic gloves. We do not use powdered gloves.

Legal Framework

- Health & Safety at Work Act 1974

