



TOOTHBRUSHING POLICY

All staff must read and adhere to the NHS Scotland Standards for Nursery and School Toothbrushing Programme. There is a Childsmile Folder located in each playroom of the nursery and one in the main office.

Toothbrushing Programme Guidelines are displayed in each playroom, giving instruction on the general rules and responsibilities of staff. This includes instruction on teeth cleaning as well as storage and cleaning of equipment.

It is the responsibility of each playroom staff member, to follow the guidelines. They are also responsible for storing, cleaning and general upkeep of the equipment. This will be inspected by management regularly.

Training has been provided by an NHS Health Promoter and in-house training is given by room seniors where required. Further training can be obtained if necessary. Please see a member of management if you require this.

Each individual child must have parent/carer consent given through the toothbrushing forms supplied by Childsmile. These must be given within their "Welcome Pack" on transition to the nursery. They must be signed and returned to nursery before toothbrushing can commence.

Every child (with written parent/carer consent form returned) must be encouraged to clean their teeth daily, after lunch. Parents/ carers are to be encouraged to take part in this programme but their wishes will be respected if they wish to opt out of the Childsmile Toothbrushing Scheme.

Stock is replenished by the NHS Dental Health Support Workers who visit every 3 months. Staff must inform them of any new children or those transitioning from room to room. This will enable the buses to keep up to date with relevant children's names.

All staff must follow the nursery's Health and Safety and Infection Control Policies in conjunction with this policy