



Cleaning and Disposal of Bodily Fluids

All bodily fluids must be treated as potentially infectious. Staff must follow the nursery's Infection Prevention and Control procedures and wear appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), including disposable gloves and a disposable apron, before cleaning any blood or bodily fluid spill.

Blood and Blood-Stained Body Fluids

- Wear disposable gloves and a disposable apron before beginning the cleaning process.
- Cover and absorb the spill using disposable paper towels or other suitable disposable absorbent material.
- Dispose of contaminated waste safely in accordance with the nursery's waste disposal procedures and local authority guidance.
- Clean the affected area thoroughly using warm water and detergent.
- Following cleaning, disinfect the area using an appropriate disinfectant that is effective against bacteria and viruses, following the manufacturer's instructions for dilution and contact time.
- Allow the area to dry before it is used again.
- Remove PPE safely and wash hands thoroughly with liquid soap and warm running water following current UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) hand hygiene guidance.

Vomit

- Wear disposable gloves and a disposable apron.
- Remove all visible contamination using disposable paper towels.
- Dispose of contaminated waste in accordance with the nursery's waste disposal procedures.
- Clean the area thoroughly with warm water and detergent.
- Disinfect the area using an appropriate disinfectant suitable for bodily fluid contamination, ensuring the correct contact time is followed.
- Allow the area to dry completely before children or staff use the area again.
- Remove PPE safely and wash hands thoroughly.

Diarrhoea

- Wear disposable gloves and a disposable apron.
- Remove any visible contamination using disposable paper towels.
- Dispose of contaminated waste safely in accordance with the nursery's waste disposal procedures.
- Thoroughly clean the area using warm water and detergent.
- Disinfect all affected surfaces with an appropriate disinfectant effective against bacteria and viruses, following the manufacturer's instructions.
- Ensure the area is completely dry before reuse.
- Remove PPE safely and wash hands thoroughly with liquid soap and warm running water.

Following any cleaning of bodily fluids, staff must wash their hands thoroughly using the recognised handwashing technique and report any significant contamination incidents to the Nursery Manager.

Cleaning equipment used must either be disposable or cleaned and disinfected before being stored for future use.

Disposal of Contaminated Waste

All disposable materials contaminated with blood or other bodily fluids, including paper towels, wipes, gloves and aprons, must be placed into a **yellow clinical waste bag** immediately after use. The bag should be securely tied and disposed of in the nursery's designated **clinical (nappy) waste bin** for safe collection and disposal in accordance with the nursery's waste management procedures and local authority guidance.

Staff must remove Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) safely after use and wash their hands thoroughly with liquid soap and warm running water following current UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) hand hygiene guidance.

