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SWINE FLU: FAQs for Early Years Groups

Q	What should we do right now to reduce the risk of swine flu infection?
A	<p>'Catch it, bin it, kill it' to reduce the risks of infection.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage/assist children to use tissues to cover nose and mouth when sneezing or coughing • Bin the tissues immediately after using them once • Wash your hands with soap and hot water or a hand sanitiser gel <p>Maintain regular hand-washing and surface cleaning</p> <p>In general, continue to follow the advice in: <i>Infection Control Guidance for the Pre-school Setting</i> which you should have available, or is at: www.nhshighland.scot.nhs.uk/Publications/Pages/InfectionControlGuidanceforthePre-schoolSetting.aspx</p>
Q	What should a member of staff do if they feel unwell at work with flu symptoms?
A	<p>The member of staff should go home as soon as possible and remain off work until well. They should be advised to contact their GP or NHS24 on 08454 24 24 24</p>
Q	What do we do if a child becomes unwell during a session?
A	<p>The same as for any illness: contact the parents/carer and ask them to collect the child.</p>
Q	Should we confirm or deny queries from concerned parents if we are aware that a child has been diagnosed with swine flu?

A	No. But if you are concerned and want advice, contact: NHS Highland Health Protection Team tel. 01463 704886
Q	Should we confirm or deny queries from concerned parents as to whether a staff member has been diagnosed with swine flu?
A	No. But if you are concerned and want advice, contact: NHS Highland Health Protection Team tel. 01463 704886
Q	If we become aware that a child has been diagnosed with swine flu should we notify all parents with children attending the centre?
A	No.
Q	Should Centre Managers contact the NHS Highland Health Protection Team to notify them if a child or staff member within their establishment has been diagnosed with swine flu?
A	Managers should contact the Health Protection Team tel. 01463 704886 for advice if there are two or more children/staff who have been diagnosed by their GP as having swine flu.

Other guidance:

Scottish Government:

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Health/health/AvianInfluenza/PandemicFlu>

Health Protection Scotland guidance: <http://www.hps.scot.nhs.uk>