

## **CHILDREN WASHED WHEN SOILED**

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### **Purpose:**

At Treetops Early Learning Centres, we are committed to upholding the health and wellbeing of tamariki by ensuring that there are suitable facilities for washing tamariki who vomit or soil themselves. Healthy practices are enforced to eliminate the risk of infection or illness to themselves or others.

### **Policy:**

1. Soiled tamariki are washed in the bathroom facility using warm water and the soap provided for this purpose, they will be dried with a clean towel (one towel per child)
2. Staff involved in the washing of tamariki will wear gloves and a disposable apron if required.
3. Staff will ensure tamariki dignity and right to privacy is upheld, during the undressing, washing and drying process. At no time will tamariki be photographed or videoed whilst being changed or washed.
4. If more than one staff member is involved in washing tamariki, adequate supervision of all tamariki will be maintained at all times.
5. Tamariki will be returned to play areas or designated sick area.
6. The soiled clothing will be rinsed in the laundry tub, bagged and stored in an area not accessible to children.
7. The facilities will be washed down with hot soapy water and wiped with Zoono surface spray then left to air dry.
8. All items used in the process e.g gloves, wipes will be disposed of immediately.
9. Any laundry e.g towels, flannels will be washed according to the laundry policy.
10. Staff must wash their hands after any interaction with tamariki that involves contact with bodily fluids.
11. An illness bucket will be stored in an accessible area and will contain disposable gloves, disposable aprons (these can be purchased from Hygiene House) wipes, towels, Zoono surface spray and plastic bags.
12. The area or potentially contaminated area including carpets, lino, resources must be cleared and cleaned/ disinfected with Zoono surface spray prior to further use by staff and tamariki.