BATHING POLICY

1 Bathing a child

1.1 The Kids’ Uni Policies and Procedures apply to Kids’ Uni North, Kids’ Uni South, South Coast Workers Child Care Centre, Kids Uni iC – Preschool, After School Care and Vacation Care (Kids’ Uni OOSH).

1.2 All educators of the service are responsible to maintain a clean and sanitary environment, especially in areas where babies and children are bathed.

1.3 All hazardous and/or dangerous materials should be labelled and stored in a locked cupboard out of reach of children where bathing occurs.

1.4 Children’s bathrooms will be cleaned daily. They will also be checked regularly throughout the day by educators to ensure cleanliness is maintained. Please refer to the Physical Environment Policy (CHI-ADM-POL-046) for further information.

1.5 Any non-slip mats used when bathing children must be cleaned with disinfectant and dried after each child.

1.6 All baths, shower areas, basins and sinks used for bathing babies and children are to be cleaned prior to and after use, with Viraclean or Eucalypts 80.

1.7 Fresh clothes/nappies/bathing products should be ready prior to commencing bathing of child/baby.

1.8 All soiled nappies and clothes removed from children/babies prior to bathing must be placed in child proof container out of reach of children. Educators should use disposable gloves and follow normal hand washing procedures for this step in the bathing procedure.

1.9 Educators must wash their hands prior to and after bathing children/babies. There must always be 2 educators present whenever a child/baby is bathed.

1.10 Children/babies privacy must be respected. Educators should talk reassuringly at all times, explain what they are doing step by step, and restrict other children from viewing the bathing procedure.

1.11 Parents must be informed whenever their child is bathed.

1.12 Cleaning checklist must always be properly completed and in a timely manner. Educators must keep their own shower area clean and hygienic at all times. Shower area must be disinfected after use. Liquid Purell soap is to be used when showering. Towels can be found in each of the playrooms. A fresh towel must be used for each child. When finished, the towel must be placed in the dirty laundry basket to be laundered by staff using approved washing powder.
2 Review

This policy will be reviewed every 3 years and the review will include Management, Employees, Families and Interested Parties

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