



66-PEST CONTROL POLICY

Name of Responsible person: Iva Juma

Cornerstone Under 5s is committed to providing children in its care with a safe environment. It seeks to prevent children from being exposed to pests and pesticides. While pesticides protect children and property from pests such as insects, weeds and rodents that may be found in the setting and its surrounding grounds, under some circumstances they may pose a hazard to children and staff. To minimise potential pesticide exposure to children and staff, pest control practices in this setting will include a variety of non-chemical and chemical methods.

Commitments

- Cornerstone Under 5s has an infection control system in place. During cleaning tasks staff are always conscious of the possibilities of the presence of pests and any such evidence is reported to senior staff and management to take effective action immediately.
- When completing the Health & safety Risk Assessment if there are any concerns this is reported to the Church and action is taken. The actions are recorded by the church.
- The Church is responsible for all contracts relating to Pest Control. Rentokil is company tht is used and the Church have annual contract with them. Rentokil undertake regular checks of the premises. Staff are also vigilant and report any evidence of pest intrusion.
- All staff have completed a Health & Hygiene level 2 course and all staff maintain a high standard of cleanliness and hygiene.
- We will ensure that pesticides used in the setting will be applied by certified pesticide applicators or registered technicians
- Cornerstone Under 5swill ensure that pesticides are not applied when children are present in the setting. (Being done over the weekend when the setting is closed)
- In the event of an emergency were pests pose an immediate health threat to children and staff (e.g. wasps) and pesticides are applied, ensure that children will not return to the treated area within two hours of a pesticide application or as specified on the pesticide label, whichever time is greater.

In case of a pest infestation where professional assistance is required, we will contact: the Operational Manager who will advise us of our next steps.

This policy was agreed on... 6th November 2023 (Date)

Signed on behalf of the preschool.....(Chair)