B-5 Pest Control

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QA. 2.1.1	Wellbeing and comfort.
QA. 2.1.2	Health practices and procedures.
QA. 2.1.3	Healthy lifestyle.
QA.3.1.1	Fit for purpose.
QA. 3.1.2	Upkeep.
QA. 3.2.3	Environmentally responsible.
7.1.2	Management systems.
7.1.3	Roles and responsibilities.

National Regulations

Reg. 77	Health, hygiene and safe food practices
Reg. 103	Premises, furniture and equipment to be safe, clean and in good repair
Reg. 110	Ventilation and natural light
Reg. 168	Education and care service must have policies and procedures

Policy Statement

We will provide a clean and safe environment by ensuring that every effort is made to maintain a vermin free Centre. We will endeavor to do this with minimum use of chemicals.

Related Policies

- Sylvania Heights BASC Policy B-1: Facility Management
- Sylvania Heights BASC Policy B-2: Building Equipment Repairs and Maintenance
- Sylvania Heights BASC Policy B-6: Indoor Environment
- Sylvania Heights BASC Policy D-2: Hygiene
- Sylvania Heights BASC Policy D-4: Food Safety and Handling
- Sylvania Heights BASC Policy D-5: Hazardous Materials
- Sylvania Heights BASC Policy D-28: Workplace, Health and Safety

Procedure

Equipment and especially food items will be properly stored so as not to attract pests and vermin.

Refuse bins and disposal areas will be emptied and cleaned daily.

Kitchen and food preparation areas and storage will be cleaned and maintained daily.

All areas will be checked daily for any signs of pests or vermin.

A company will be engaged, as required, to undertake professional pest control works.

Should any pests or vermin be identified then action should be taken to rid the Centre of the problem by:

- initially using non-chemical methods such as physical removal, maintaining a clean environment, and use of any non-chemical products
- low irritant, environmentally friendly sprays to be used minimally and only with adequate ventilation and preferably not in the presence of the children
- other methods such as the employment of a pest control company if deemed necessary by management where the above methods have failed

If urgent, the Director may obtain a contractor from the School Office to address the problem as, being owner of the premises, the Department of Education Training has maintenance responsibilities.

If non urgent, the Director will bring the problem to the attention of Management in their report and Management will decide on the appropriate course of action.

All parents / Guardians will be notified of any use of chemicals.

Any use of chemical products should only be conducted outside the hours of both the children's and educator's presence in the building.

All action will be taken to remove the children, educators and parents / guardians from the environment for as long as is safe and viable.

Sources

- Education and Care Services National Regulations 2011
- National Quality Standard
- Work Health and Safety Act 2011

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