

Pest and Vermin Control Policy

RATIONALE:

To ensure that a healthy environment is provided for children, whānau, and staff.

PRACTICE:

Fly spray will be stored in a cupboard which is inaccessible to children. Fly spray is also dispensed by an Eco friendly device in the main room. Dead flies will be removed, using a vacuum cleaner or by picking them up with a paper towel and disposing of them in rubbish bin. Hands are to be washed thoroughly after this.

In the case of bees or wasps, teachers will attempt to find a hive or source of infestation. If not on the Fingerprints property teachers will ring or ask neighbors and the school about a possible infestation. When located, pest control will be called.

In the case of mice, teachers may lay mouse traps for a period of two weeks in an internal cupboard (inaccessible to children) and outside near the laundry. If a mouse is caught the teacher must use gloves to dispose of the mouse and the trap in a plastic bag. Internal cupboards must then be cleaned with bleach spray and the trap relayed. If any further vermin are caught the terminator below must be called. If no further mice are caught within a two week period all cupboards are then cleaned again with bleach and the traps washed, bleached and disarmed and placed in a plastic bag in the laundry cupboard.

In the case of vermin or pests infestation i.e. mice, bees, white tailed spiders etc the exterminator below will be contacted:

Pest Free Professional Control
0800 737 844

If the contractor uses chemicals we will ask for the MSD's (Material Data Safety Sheets) and have these available to refer to if needed.

GUIDING DOCUMENTS: Food Hygiene Regulations 1974
Environmental Health Protection Manual
Ministry of Health June 1999

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1 Is this policy working?

2 Does it match our practice?

3 Is it supported by research?