

Safer Food Better Business (SFBB) Cleaning Policy

Policy Statement

At Little Home Learners, we follow the principles of Safer Food Better Business (SFBB) to maintain high standards of food hygiene, cleanliness, and safety within our childminding environment. This policy outlines the cleaning routines, methods, and responsibilities that ensure safe food handling and a hygienic setting for all children in our care.

We use the SFBB+ app to monitor, record, and evidence daily compliance, including cleaning checks, food safety diary entries, temperature logs, and any corrective actions. This provides a clear, timestamped audit trail for Environmental Health and Ofsted inspections.

Kitchen & Food Preparation Areas

Work surfaces: Clean with hot soapy water, then disinfect with food-safe sanitiser.

- Frequency: Before food prep, after food prep, after spills, end of day.
- Check: Surface visibly clean.

Highchairs & booster seats: Wipe trays, straps, and seats with antibacterial spray.

- Frequency: Before and after each use.
- Check: No food debris.

Food contact equipment: Wash in hot soapy water or dishwasher.

- Frequency: After each use.
- Check: Fully dry and stored safely.

Fridge: Wipe shelves; check temperature ($\leq 5^{\circ}\text{C}$).

- Frequency: Weekly clean; daily temperature check.
- Check: No spills; food labelled and in date.

Oven & hob: Wipe spills

- Frequency: Daily; deep clean monthly.
- Check: No burnt-on food.

Bins: Empty and disinfect.

- Frequency: Daily or when full.
- Check: Lid clean and liner replaced.

General Areas (Playroom, Living Room, Hallway)

Floors: Vacuum and mop with disinfectant.

- Frequency: Daily; after messy play.
- Check: No debris.

Door handles, switches, stair gates: Wipe with antibacterial spray.

- Frequency: Daily.
- Check: Touch points clean.

Soft furnishings: Vacuum daily; steam clean monthly.

- Frequency: Daily; deep clean monthly.
- Check: No crumbs or stains.

Toys & Play Equipment

Hard toys: Wash in warm soapy water or wipe with antibacterial wipes.

- Frequency: Weekly; immediately if mouthed.
- Check: Fully dry.

Soft toys: Machine wash.

- Frequency: Weekly; more often during illness.
- Check: No dampness.

Sensory play equipment: Wash and disinfect.

- Frequency: After each session.

- Check: No residue.

Water play: Empty water; clean container with disinfectant.

- Frequency: After each use.
- Check: No standing water.

Bathroom & Nappy Changing Area

Toilet & sink: Clean with bathroom disinfectant.

- Frequency: Daily.
- Check: No visible dirt.

Potty: Empty, wash, disinfect.

- Frequency: After each use.
- Check: Fully dry.

Changing mat: Clean with antibacterial spray.

- Frequency: After each nappy change.
- Check: No cracks or tears.

Nappy bin: Empty and disinfect.

- Frequency: Daily.
- Check: Lid closes properly..

Eating & Drinking Equipment

Cups, plates, cutlery: Wash thoroughly.

- Frequency: After each use.
- Check: No residue.

Water bottles: Clean lids and spouts.

- Frequency: Daily.
- Check: No trapped water or mould.

Handwashing & Hygiene

Handwashing stations: Ensure soap and paper towels available.

- Frequency: Check twice daily.
- Check: Supplies topped up.

Children's handwashing routine: Before eating, after toileting, after outdoor play, after messy play.

- Frequency: Daily.
- Check: Supervised and completed properly.

Outdoor Area

Play equipment: Wipe high-touch surfaces.

- Frequency: Weekly; after messy play.
- Check: No mud or debris.

Sand pit: Rake, remove debris, cover when not in use.

- Frequency: Daily.
- Check: Sand clean and dry.

Monitoring & Record Keeping

At Little Home Learners, we use the SFBB+ app to:

- Record daily cleaning checks
- Log fridge/freezer temperatures
- Document any food safety issues or corrective actions
- Maintain a digital diary for Environmental Health and Ofsted
- Evidence compliance with SFBB principles

This ensures consistent monitoring and provides clear, accessible records during inspections.

Review

This policy is reviewed annually, or sooner if guidance changes or following an Environmental Health inspection.

Date of next review: July 2027.