



## B-6 Pest Control

### Introduction

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

### 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.

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

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#### Quality Areas

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#### National Regs

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- 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 management list to address the problem.

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

All parents will be notified of any use of chemicals.

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

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