

## **Handwashing Policy**

Orange Grove Primary School aims to promote a healthy environment in which children will grow and learn about the world around them. The integration of preventative measures such as hand washing will be an effective way of preventing the spread of infection.

We provide the appropriate height basins for all students to wash their hands in, as well as basins of appropriate height for staff. Basins are situated in toilets and extra basins are provided in the Kindergarten, Pre-primary and the Art/ Science room. Paper towel is also provided in the toilets for all members of the community to use to dry their hands. Everyone on the Orange Grove Primary School premises is provided with liquid soap to wash their hands.

### **Staff and students should wash their hands:**

- Before handling food
- After handling food
- After doing any dirty tasks such as gardening
- After going to the toilet
- Before and after giving a child medication and if giving medication to more than one child, in between each child.

### **Instructions for effectively washing hands**

All children, staff and visitors are to follow this procedure and it is to be explicitly taught in Kindergarten and Pre-primary.

1. Wash hands using running water and soap
2. Rub hands vigorously
3. Wash hands all over ensuring that the back of the hands, wrists and between fingers are cleaned.
4. Rinse hands thoroughly
5. Turn taps off
6. Pat hands dry with clean paper towel.

This should take about as long as singing "Happy Birthday" twice or counting to 10 slowly.