

6.4 NAPPY CHANGING

Policy statement

No child is excluded from participating in our setting who may, for any reason, not yet be toilet trained and who may still be wearing nappies or equivalent. We work with parents towards toilet training, unless there are medical or other developmental reasons why this may not be appropriate at the time.

We provide nappy changing facilities and exercise good hygiene practices in order to accommodate children who are not yet toilet trained.

We see toilet training as a self-care skill that children have the opportunity to learn with the full support and non-judgemental concern of adults.

Procedures

- We use the disabled access toilet in the foyer as a nappy changing area. The toilet door is propped open with a door wedge during nappy changing.
- We ask parents to let us know if their child is in nappies, and we change nappies as soon as we find it necessary. The staff member who is with the child at the time is usually the person who will take responsibility for changing the nappy, not necessarily a key-person.
- Parents are asked to supply spare nappies, wipes and bags and a change of clothes. We do, however, have supplies of nappies, wipes, bags and clothes. If parents take home preschool spare clothes they are asked to wash them and return ASAP.
- Staff are advised to put on gloves and aprons before changing starts and the areas are prepared. Paper towel is put down on the changing mat freshly for each child.
- All our staff are familiar with our hygiene procedures and carry these out when changing nappies. Our staff never turn their back on a child or leave them unattended whilst they are on the changing mat.
- We ensure that nappy changing is a relaxed and friendly time to promote independence in young children, and an opportunity for 1-1 chatting.
- We encourage children to take an interest in using the toilet; they may just want to sit on it until they feel comfortable using it independently.
- We encourage children to wash their hands, and have soap and towels to hand. We do not use anti-bacterial hand wash liquid or soap for young children; young skin is quite delicate and anti-bacterial products kill off certain good bacteria that children need to develop their own natural resistance to infection.
- Older children access the toilet when they have the need to and are encouraged to be independent.
- We dispose of nappies and pull ups hygienically. Any faeces in nappies or pull ups is flushed down the toilet and the nappy or pull up is bagged and disposed of. Cloth nappies, trainer pants and ordinary pants that have been wet or soiled are rinsed and bagged for parents to take home.
- We have a 'duty of care' towards children's personal needs. If children are left in wet or soiled nappies/pull ups in the setting this may constitute neglect.
- We suggest that children may feel more comfortable using a potty brought in from home during transition time to the big toilet.

This policy was adopted at a meeting of the pre-school held on (date).....

Signed on behalf of the pre-school..... (Chairperson)

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