



Health

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.

In addition to our 'Personal care Procedures'

- Our key persons follow the individual nappy changing needs of each child in their care.
- Our key persons undertake the changing of children in their key groups; with back up key persons changing them if the key person is absent
- Our changing area is warm and safe area to lay children with no bright lights to shine down in their eyes.
- All our staff adhere to our 'Personal Care procedures' and carry these out when changing nappies.
- We ensure that nappy changing is relaxed and a time to promote independence in young children.
- We encourage children to take an interest in using the toilet; they may just want to sit on it and talk to a friend who is also using the toilet.
- We always encourage children to wash their hands, and have soap and towels to hand.
- 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 soil (faeces) in nappies or pull ups is flushed down the toilet and the nappy or pull up is bagged and put in the bin. 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 attending to children's personal need. If children are left in wet or soiled nappies/pull ups in the setting this may constitute neglect and will be a disciplinary matter.

This Policy was written by Karen Locke

This policy was adopted at a meeting of

Held on

Signed by the manager of pre-school

Signed on behalf of the management committee

Name of signatory

Role of signatory

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