



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 make reasonable adjustments to our toilet provision and hygiene practice 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:

- Children from two years should normally wear 'pull ups' or other types of trainer pants, as soon as they are comfortable with this and their parents agree.
- Key persons undertake changing young children in their key groups; back up key persons change them if the key person is absent. The key person always notifies another member of staff before changing a child.
- Changing areas are warm and there are safe areas to lay young children.
- Each child has their own bag, kept on their own named peg, with their 'pull ups' and changing wipes.
- Gloves and aprons are put on before changing starts and the areas are prepared.

- All staff are familiar with the hygiene procedures and carry these out when changing pull-ups.
- In addition, key persons ensure that nappy changing is relaxed and a time to promote independence in young children.
- Children are encouraged 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.
- They should be encouraged to wash their hands and have soap and towels to hand.
- Key persons are gentle when changing; they avoid pulling faces and making negative comment about 'nappy contents'.
- Key persons do not make inappropriate comments about children's genitals when changing their nappies.
- Older children access the toilet when they have the need to and are encouraged to be independent.
- 'Pull ups' are disposed of hygienically. Any soil (faeces) in pull ups is flushed down the toilet and the pull up is double bagged and put in the nappy bin (Main Schools First Aid Room). Ordinary pants/ clothing that has been wet or soiled is double bagged for the parent to take home.
- The changing mat is disinfected and wiped clean after each use.
- Staff and parents sign the record sheet to acknowledge the toilet incident. (Signed by two members of staff in Pre-School.)
- No child is left in wet or soiled 'pull ups' in the setting as we have a 'duty of care' towards children's personal needs.

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