

Policy for nappy/pull-up changing

Statement of intent

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 the equivalent. We work with parents towards toilet training, unless there are medical or development 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

Children of all ages are welcomed in nappies and pull ups and when parents feel their child is ready for potty training we will work with them to support their child's progress through this.

Where possible key persons undertake changing children in their key groups. Changing areas are warm and safe areas to change children.

Each child will have their own bag with nappies or pull-ups brought from home. The nursery will keep a certain number of spares in case of forgotten bags.

Gloves will be worn by any member of staff before changing area is prepared. Changing mats will be wiped with antibacterial spray / wipes between each child.

All staff is familiar with the hygiene procedures and carry these out when changing nappies.

In addition staff ensure that nappy changing is relaxed and a time to promote independence in young children. Young children are encouraged to take an interest in using the toilet, they may just want to sit on it.

Children are encouraged to wash and dry their hands afterwards.

Key persons are gentle when changing: they avoid from pulling faces and making any negative comments about 'nappies contents'.

Staff do not make inappropriate comments about children's genitals when changing their nappies.

Older children access the toilet when they need to and are encouraged to be independent.

The nappy / pull up is bagged and disposed of in an appropriate manner.

We have a duty of care towards children's personal needs. If children are left wet or soiled nappies/pull-ups in the setting this may constitute neglect and will be a disciplinary matter.

Signed:.....Manager/Owner

Dated: September 2016

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