



Nappy changing

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.

- The child's preferred person undertakes changing children in their key groups; back up persons change them if the main person is absent.
- Changing areas are warm with safe areas to lay children.
- Each child has their own bag to hand with their nappies or pull ups and changing wipes.
- Gloves and aprons are put on by staff before changing starts and the areas are prepared. The changing mat is wiped with an antibacterial wipe before and after each use.
- All staff are familiar with the hygiene procedures and carry these out when changing nappies.
- 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.
- Children are encouraged to wash their hands, and have soap and paper towels to hand.
- Key persons are gentle when changing; they avoid pulling faces and making negative comments about 'nappy contents'.
- We use a reward chart/sticker book for those children who require a little more encouragement to use the potty or toilet.

- Older children access the toilet when they have the need to and are encouraged to be independent.
- Nappies and pull ups are disposed of hygienically and put in the nappy bin. Ordinary pants that have been wet or soiled are rinsed and bagged for the parent 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 and will be a disciplinary matter.
- We keep a 'wee book' to assist in discussing toilet training and nappy changing with parents and carers.

This policy was adopted at a meeting of

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provider)*

Held on

(date)

Signed on behalf of the provider

(date)

Name of signatory
