



Toileting Policy

- At Downside Pre- School the levels of dependency and assistance for toileting required vary enormously. The benefits of toileting together are that children learn to treat sexual differences quite casually. They ask and comment about differences from time to time, and this provides the staff with opportunities to give straightforward, simple explanations. It also allows children to learn toileting by example from the other children.
- **Preschool**
 - The majority of children in this group are expected to go to the toilet when they feel the need, but occasionally children will have to be reminded. Rather than lining everyone up at once, children are reminded while washing up for snack times, before going to the garden, messy play, walking etc. We encourage children to take responsibility for themselves; parents can aid this by dressing children in pants with elastic tops or other easily managed clothing. Hand washing is a consistent part of the toilet routine and the hand washing procedure is followed.
- **Mishaps**
 - Mishaps do occur; parents need to assist staff by providing extra clothing for their child. When children have a mishap, we change them without shaming or disgust. A loss of control often happens when children have not yet acquired complete control and are new to the Pre- School, or when they are overly fatigued or are unwell. Many children are humiliated by wet or soiled underwear, and the staff are sensitive to this and help change the child in a quiet place, but a place where no adult is left completely on their own with the child.

This policy was adopted at a meeting of Downside Children's Pre-school held
on _____

Signed on behalf of Downside Pre-school

by: _____
