

Toileting and Nappy Changing Expectations and Procedures

We understand that all children grow and develop at different stages and therefore your child may not yet be toilet trained and 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.

To ensure children can feel comfortable and safe, we make necessary adjustments to our bathroom 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.

Expectations for Parents/Carers

Please complete the Intimate Care permission in order for our setting to support with toileting needs of your child.

Please ensure that provisions for your child are provided to the setting to be used. For example, parents must provide nappies/pull ups, wipes and nappy bags. These will all be named and used only for your child. Staff will make Parents/Carers aware when provisions are getting low and need to be restocked.

Procedures

- Familiar staff are responsible for changing their children and they undertake the nappy changing that day within the Pre-school. All staff have enhanced DBS checks.
- Changing areas are warm and there are safe areas to lay young children if they need to have their bottoms cleaned.
- Each young child will need to have their own bag to hand with their nappies and changing wipes.

- Gloves and aprons are put on before changing starts and the areas are prepared. The changing mat is cleaned following every nappy change.
- All staff are 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 and talk to a friend who is also using the toilet (in a separate cubical).
- Children are encouraged to wash their hands with soap and dry them afterwards using the hand dryers/paper towels. They should be allowed time for some play as they explore the water and the soap.
- Anti-bacterial hand wash liquid or soap should not be used for young children.
- 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 young children's genitals when changing their nappies.
- Older children access the toilet when they have the need to and are encouraged to be independent.
- Nappies are disposed of hygienically. Any soil (faeces) in nappies or pull ups is flushed down the toilet and the nappy is bagged and put in the nappy bin (which is emptied daily). Cloth nappies, trainer pants and ordinary pants that have been wet or soiled are rinsed and bagged for the parent to take home.
- NB If young children are left in wet or soiled nappies in the setting this may constitute neglect and will be a disciplinary matter. Settings have a 'duty of care' towards children's personal needs.