

Intimate Care Policy

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 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 of non-judgemental adults.

Procedures

- All staff are aware of the young children in their care who are in nappies or 'pull-ups' and those children who have occasional accidents.
- Young children should wear 'pull-ups' or other types of training pants as soon as they are comfortable with this and their parents agree.
- We have a changing station which may be used to lay young children down on if they need to be changed. Our changing area is warm, with no bright lights shining down in children's eyes. Each child's bag is collected before changing so their nappies, pull-ups and changing wipes are to hand.
- Our staff put on gloves before changing starts and the areas are prepared.
- All our staff are familiar with our hygiene procedure and carry these out when changing nappies.
- Our staff never turn their back on a child or leave them unattended whilst they are on the changing mat.

- We are gentle when changing; we avoid pulling faces and making negative comments about 'nappy contents'
- In addition, we ensure that nappy changing is relaxed and a time to promote independence in young children.
- We encourage children to take an interest in using the toilet.
- We encourage children to wash their hands, and have soap and towels to hand. They should be allowed time for some play as they explore the water and soap.
- Children access the toilet when they have the need to and are encouraged to be independent.
- We dispose of nappies and pull ups hygienically. Cloth nappies, trainer pants and ordinary pants that have been wet or soiled are bagged for parents to take home.