



EYFS Policy for Changing Nappies and Soiled Clothing

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No child is excluded from participating in our EYFS who may, for any reason, not yet be toilet trained and who may still be wearing nappies or equivalent. Although the majority of children who attend Nursery and Reception classes have completed their toilet training, some may still require support. 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 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

- All staff are responsible where possible for changing nappies and toileting accidents in their designated class.
- Spare nappies/pull ups/wipes and clothing, provided by our setting are to be placed in a central base (changing station area) and are accessible for adults only.
- Gloves and aprons are put on by staff prior to changing and the areas are prepared. The area is cleaned appropriately before and after each change.
- All staff are familiar with the hygiene procedures and carry these out when changing nappies/clothing.
- Children are encouraged 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 the soap, if necessary.
- All staff are gentle when changing; they avoid pulling faces and making negative comments about 'nappy contents'.
- All staff do not make inappropriate comments about children's genitals when changing their nappies or soiled clothing.
- Older children access the toilet when they have the need to and are encouraged to be independent. However as their self care skills develop there may be occasions where marks in pants are evident as they develop their independence by self cleaning.
- Nappies and pull ups are disposed of hygienically. All nappies or pull ups are bagged and put in appropriate PHS bins. Cloth nappies, trainer pants and 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. We will do our best to identify if a child needs changing and change them at the earliest opportunity. Each member of staff is to be accompanied when changing a child for safeguarding issues.
- If a child has an accident twice in one day parents/guardians are to be called to collect/change their child.
- Each child should bring their own nappies, wipes and a change of clothing (including underwear) to school in a named bag. All clothing should be named and placed on the child's personal, designated peg.
- Parents are informed if support was required to change soiled clothing.
- Adults sign accordingly on the daily record sheet, within the designated area, each time a child requires changing adults indicate wet/soiled as appropriate.