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Nappy Changing

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 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.

Procedures

- We ensure the children in our care who are in nappies or 'pull-ups'. Are changed regularly throughout the day.
- Every nappy change is recorded at the time of change to ensure that no child is missed.
- Changing areas are warm, with a safe area to lay children and no bright lights shining down in their eyes. There are mobiles and other objects of interest to take the child's attention
- Each young child has their own basket to hand with their nappies or 'pull ups', changing Wipes and creams.
- Gloves and aprons are worn when changing children. Gloves are worn and the areas are cleaned using antibacterial cleaner between every child.
- Our staff never turn their back on a child or leave them unattended whilst they are on the changing mat.
- 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.
- 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. Parents are involved in the decision of when to introduce familiarities with the potty.
- They are encouraged to wash their hands and have soap and towels to hand. They are allowed time for some play as they explore the water and the soap.

- Anti-bacterial hand wash liquid or soap is not used for young children, young skin is quite delicate and anti-bacterial products kill off certain good bacteria that children need to develop their own natural resistance to infection.
- Staff are gentle when changing; they avoid pulling faces and making negative comment about 'nappy contents'.
- Staff 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 and 'pull ups' are disposed of hygienically in a purpose bin. Cloth nappies, trainer pants and ordinary pants that have been wet or soiled are bagged for the parent to take home.

NB if young children are left in wet or soiled nappies/'pull ups' in the setting this may constitute neglect and will be a disciplinary matter. Settings have a 'duty of care' towards children's personal needs.

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