



Nappy changing

Policy statement

At Little Squirts 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.

Our intention

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

In the Terrapin room, the children have their nappy changed on the unit in the room and each child has their own drawer with their nappies, wipes and cream. Once children move into the Turtle room, they go to the toilet for nappy changes, each child's nappies are generally kept in their bag or their drawer in the room but may be kept under the nappy changing unit.

- Our staff put on gloves and aprons before changing starts and the areas are prepared.
- All our staff are familiar with our hygiene procedures and carry these out when changing nappies.
- After each Nappy Change, the changing mat is sprayed and cleaned.
- 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’.
- We do not make inappropriate comments about children’s genitals when changing their nappies.
- 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; they may just want to sit on it and talk to a friend who is also 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 the soap.
- We do not use anti-bacterial hand wash liquid or soap 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.
- Older children access the toilet when they have the need to and are encouraged to be independent.
- We dispose of nappies and pull ups hygienically, ensuring that the nappy or pull up is bagged and put in the bin. Cloth nappies, trainer pants and ordinary pants that have been wet or soiled are bagged for parents to take home.
- We have a ‘duty of care’ towards children’s personal needs. If children are left in wet or soiled nappies/pull ups in the setting this may constitute neglect and will be a disciplinary matter.

The impact of these procedures is that each child feels safe and comfortable when receiving personal care and develops an understanding of their own toileting needs as well as good hygiene practices.

This policy was adopted by Little Squirts Preschool on 29th July 2019 (review date 1st July 2020)

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