



NAPPY CHANGING POLICY

No child is excluded from participating in Preschool 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 make necessary adjustments to our bathroom provision and hygiene practice in order to accommodate children who are not yet toilet trained. We ask parents to inform us of these needs in the Registration documentation and thereafter of any changes.

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

- Parents are asked to supply nappies or 'pull ups' for their child and to provide a change of clothes in their bag.
- Parents are asked to provide Sudocrem/Metanium (or equivalent) every session in their child's bag. During induction, parental consent is sought on the Parent Consent Forms for Staff to, when they deem necessary, apply the Preschool's Sudocrem/Metanium in case of any occasion that it is not provided from home.
- Changing areas are clean, safe and suitably equipped for hygienic nappy changing. Changing mats will be cleaned after each nappy change using antibacterial spray and paper towels.
- Disposable gloves are put on before changing starts and the areas are prepared.
- All staff are familiar with the hygiene procedures and carry these out when changing nappies.
- 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 or potty.
- They should be encouraged to wash their hands and have soap and towels to hand.
- 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.
- Clothes, cloth nappies, and pants that have been wet or soiled are bagged for the parent to take home.
- 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 the children's personal needs.