

Nappy changing

Policy statement

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

- Staff undertake changing children.
- Changing areas are warm with safe areas to lay children.
- Each child has their own bag to hand with their nappies and changing wipes.
- Gloves are put on by staff before changing starts and the areas are prepared. Aprons are available if staff would like them.
- Changing mat is cleaned after each use with anti-bac spray.
- All staff are familiar with the hygiene procedures and carry these out when changing nappies.
- In addition, staff ensure that nappy changing is relaxed and a time to promote independence in young children.
- Children are encouraged to wash their hands and have soap and hand driers / towels to hand.
- Staff are gentle when changing; they avoid pulling faces and making negative comments about 'nappy contents'.
- Staff do not make inappropriate comments about children's genitals when changing their nappies.
- Children access the toilet when they have the need to and are encouraged to be independent.
- Nappies are disposed of hygienically. Cloth nappies, trainer pants and ordinary pants that have been wet or soiled are bagged for the parent 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.