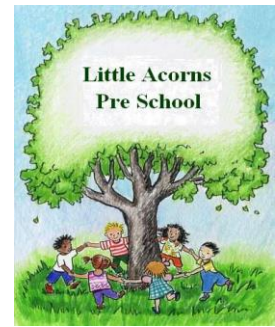


# Safeguarding and Welfare Requirement: Health

## 6.4 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

- Only staff that have a valid DBS certificate change children.
- Changing areas are warm with safe areas for children to lay down.
- Parents should ensure that the pre-school staff are made aware that their child is wearing nappies and to provide their own nappies or pull ups and changing wipes.
- Gloves are put on by staff before changing starts and the areas are prepared and cleaned after use.
- 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 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.
- Children are encouraged to wash their hands and have liquid soap and paper towels to hand.
- Anti-bacterial hand wash liquid or soap should not be 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 comments about 'nappy contents'.
- Staff do not make inappropriate comments about 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 bagged and disposed of in a 'Nappy Disposal Bin'. This bin is removed and replaced weekly by an outside service provider. Wet or soiled clothing is bagged for the parent/carer 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.

**This policy was adopted at a meeting held by Little Acorns committee on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2017**

**To be reviewed January 2018**

**Signed on behalf of the provider**

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**Role of Signatory Business Manager**