

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

- We have a regular change schedule for all children in our care who are in nappies or 'pull-ups'; and change nappies according to this schedule, or more frequently where necessary and record on Family.
- All children are changed within sight of other staff whilst maintaining their dignity and privacy at all times.
- Each child is required to bring their own nappies or pull ups and changing wipes.
- Our staff put on gloves and aprons before changing starts and the areas are prepared. The changing mat is wiped clean with an antibacterial wipe after each child has been changed.
- All our staff are familiar with our hygiene procedures and carry these out when changing nappies.
- 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.
- 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. Cloth nappies, trainer pants and ordinary pants that have been wet or soiled are bagged for parents to take home or discarded in particular instances.

- 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.

This policy was adopted by

Clare's Little Bears

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Signed on behalf of the provider

Name of signatory

Role of signatory (e.g. chair, director or owner)
