

Safeguarding and Welfare Requirement: Health

Providers must ensure there are suitable hygienic changing facilities for changing any children who are in nappies.



6.4 Nappy changing

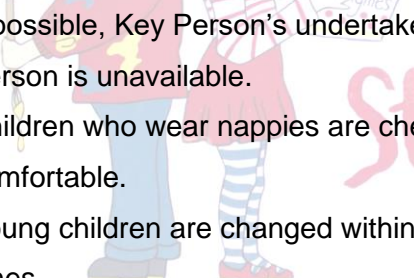
Policy statement

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

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- If possible, Key Person's undertake changing our young children. Other staff change them if the Key Person is unavailable.
 - Children who wear nappies are checked regularly throughout their session/day to ensure that they remain comfortable.
 - Young children are changed within sight of other staff whilst maintaining their dignity and privacy at all times.
 - Our changing area is a small private area of the room and has a voile curtain that allows for privacy whilst ensuring safe practice. Staff ensure that nappy changing is relaxed and gentle and a time to promote independence in children.
 - Each child brings their own nappies or pull ups and changing wipes.
 - Our staff put on gloves and, if necessary, aprons before changing starts and the areas are prepared. The changing mat is wiped down both before and after changing each child.
 - All our staff are familiar with our hygiene procedures and carry these out when changing nappies.
 - Our staff never turn their back on a child or leave them unattended whilst they are on the changing mat.
 - 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/paper towels to hand.

- 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 using a paid for contractor who supplies a lockable contaminated waste bin which is placed outside of the pre-school room. Any soil (faeces) in nappies or pull ups is flushed down the toilet and 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.

This policy was adopted by _____ *(name of provider)*

On _____ *(date)*

Date to be reviewed _____ *(date)*

Signed on behalf of the provider _____

Name of signatory _____

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



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