

Nappy Changing

Policy statement

No child is excluded from participating in our provision 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 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

- Key persons have a list of personalised changing times for the young children in their care who are in nappies or 'pull-ups'.
- Young children from two years should normally wear 'pull ups' or other types of trainer pants as soon as they are comfortable with this and their parents agree.
- Key persons undertake changing young children in their key groups; if they are unavailable then management/safeguarding officer will assist.
- Changing areas are warm and there are safe areas to lay young children if they need to have their bottoms cleaned.
- Each young child has their own basket to hand with their nappies or 'pull ups' and changing wipes.
- Gloves and aprons 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. The whole area is cleaned after each use.
- In addition, key persons 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; they may just want to sit on it and talk to a friend who is also using the toilet.
- They should be encouraged to wash their hands and have soap and towels to hand.
- Anti-bacterial hand wash liquid or Anti-bacterial 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.

Safeguarding and Welfare Requirement: Health

- Key persons are gentle when changing; they avoid pulling faces and making negative comments about ‘nappy contents’.
- Key persons do not make inappropriate comments about young 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 disposed of hygienically. 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 rinsed and 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.

This policy was adopted at a meeting of Little Lambs Pre-School held on 10th February 2017.....

Signed by.....Position.....

Name.....Review date.....