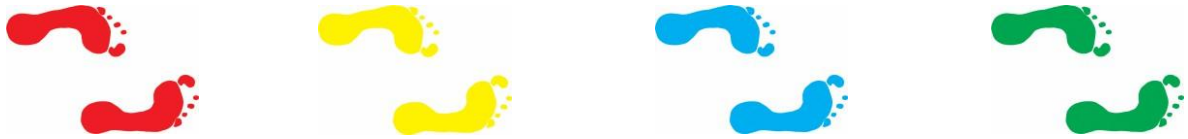
Nappy Changing & Toileting Policy



Policy statement

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

- Staff have a set of rigorous changing times for the young children in their care who are in nappies or ‘pull-ups’ to be changed within the daily routine. Children identified to have soiled will be changed immediately and accordingly.
- 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 which are provided by parents/ carers.
- A message will be sent accordingly to parents/ carers (verbally or by text) to replenish nappies and wipes for the nursery.
- 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.
- In addition, staff 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.
- Young children are encouraged to wash their hands and have soap and towels to hand. They will be allowed time for some play as they explore the water and the soap.
- Anti-bacterial hand wash liquid or soap should not be used for young children regularly. (Soap based hand gel may used in the setting).
- Staff are sensitive when changing; they avoid pulling faces and making negative comment about ‘nappy contents’.
- 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.

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