

## **Banwell Buddies Nappy Changing Policy**

### **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 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. These times are agreed with the child's parents during the induction process and reviewed regularly.
- Key persons undertake changing young children in their key groups; back up key persons change them if the key person is absent.
- Changing areas are warm and there is a safe area to lay young children if they need to have their bottoms cleaned.
- Parents should provide nappies or pull-ups and changing wipes for their child. This should be discussed during the induction process.
- Gloves and aprons are put on before changing starts and the areas are prepared. A paper towel is put down on the changing mat freshly for each child.
- Soiled bottoms may also be cleaned with warm water and cotton wool as well as wet wipes to ensure the area is clean and dried off appropriately.
- The changing mat is wiped over with an anti-bacterial wipe after use.
- All staff are familiar with the hygiene procedures and carry these out when changing nappies.
- 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. They should 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.
- Key persons are gentle when changing; they avoid pulling faces and making negative comments 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. Any soiled (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 the parent to take home and hung on the back of the door out of children's reach. Parents are reminded at the end of the session to remove them.
- NB: If young children are left in wet or soiled nappies/pull-ups in the setting this may constitute neglect and will be a disciplinary matter. Settings have a 'duty of care' towards children's personal needs.

This policy was adopted at a meeting of **Banwell Buddies staff**

Held on **5<sup>th</sup> September 2018**

Date to be reviewed-----

Signed on behalf of the Management Committee -----

Name of signatory Carole Cragg-----

Role of signatory Chair of management Committee.-----