

Nappy Changing Procedure and Sick & Soiled Children

Rationale:

To provide a safe, clean, healthy environment that will ensure hygiene and infection control for all children that attend The Orchard Child Care & Preschool.

Objective:

- To cater for all children's individual needs while treating all children with dignity and respect. This is a special one to one time to engage and respond to our pepe
- To ensure safety and hygiene within centre and nappy changing area is paramount to children and staff.
- To ensure staff have clear guidelines when changing children's nappies.
- To ensure staff follow appropriate guidelines that will minimise cross infection when children require washing due to being soiled or vomiting.

Guidelines: (Nappy changing)

- Children are invited to come for a nappy change
- All children requiring changing will be taken to appropriate bathroom.
- Gloves must be worn for every bowel motion assistance, to safe guard against cross infection, change gloves after each child.
- Do not leave child unattended at any stage – one hand must be on child at all times.
- All soiled disposable nappies are to be put into small plastic bag and taken to refuse bin at completion of nappy change.
- After every change, nappy changing pad will be cleaned with solution provided (bleach: water 1:10), by staff member who changed nappy.
- Ensure hands are washed with soap thoroughly after all nappy changes.
- Times of children's changes and whether they were dry (d), wet (w), soiled (bm) and staff initials will be recorded on a chart to inform parents.
- Only staff are to change children's nappies
- Student teachers can change nappies or assist with toileting, under supervision of full time staff member and where their learning institution and Associate Teacher allows.
- Staff are aware that they can be viewed by other centre users while toileting, changing nappies and assisting sick and soiled children.
- Children can be changed on change mat on floor if it is safer (for heavy or wriggly children) or preferred.
- Parents can change their own child's nappy in our nappy change area with staff supervision.
- Nappies will be changed 2-3 hourly or immediately for bowel motions.

Guidelines: (Sick or soiled children)

- Put on disposable gloves which are located in baby nappy changing area.
- Towels to be used for wiping up vomit/faeces or urine are in laundry shelving area.
- If necessary, the infant/child can be taken to the washing shower in the bathroom, where a spray shower is located.
- After washing and changing child, ensure to sanitize the shower and surrounding areas with bleach/ water spray (1:10 ratio).
- All rags or towels that have been used, need to be disposed of.
- Soiled clothing needs to be rinsed and put in a plastic bag or reusable clothing bag for the whānau.
- For sick children, inform parents of occurrence immediately. Child will need to be collected by family as soon as possible.
- Child to be laid down for rest quietly in office, if staff are present, or away from other children in bed room area or (weather permitting) outside with a teacher on a seat
- Using disinfectant and water, clean the affected areas
- Ensure the affected area is sprayed with cleaner to minimise cross infection after being cleaned.
- Any furniture must be covered before child rests on it and these coverings must be laundered once child has moved.

Our process for laundering reusable nappies and wipes:

MIMI /WET = soaked in nappisan for 2 hours minimum and washed in machine at 90° with laundry powder and canesten (antifungal and antibacterial) liquid. Line or machine dried.

SOILED = Solid matter flushed down toilet, soaked in nappisan as changed for a minimum of two hours and machine washed with laundry powder and canesten (antifungal and antibacterial) liquid. Line or machine dried.

WET WIPES: Reusable wipe cloths will be laundered in keeping with the procedures for wet or soiled nappies.

END OF DAY NAPPIES – all children will go home in a disposable nappy (of family provided reusable nappy) to ensure all our nappies remain on site and are laundered appropriately.

FROM MID DAY FRIDAY (or last day before holiday/long weekend): All children who need nappies will be put into a disposable nappy so all nappies can be soaked for 2 hours then laundered and hung out to dry, before staff leave at 5pm.

Regulation PF25, PF 26, HS3

There are nappy changing facilities of rigid and stable construction that can be kept hygienically clean. These facilities are located in a designated area near to handwashing facilities, and are adequately separated from areas of the service used for play or food preparation to prevent the spread of infection. The design, construction, and location of the facilities ensure that: they are safe and appropriate for the age/weight and number of children needing to use them; children's independence can be fostered as appropriate; children's dignity and right to privacy is respected; some visibility from another area of the service is possible; and occupational health and safety for staff is maximised.

There are suitable facilities provided for washing sick or soiled children and a procedure outlining how hygiene and infection control outcomes will be met when washing sick and soiled children.

A procedure for the changing (and disposal, if appropriate) of nappies is displayed near the nappy changing facilities and consistently implemented.

