



Nappy Changing Policy

Policy statement

No child is excluded from participating in our setting who may, for any reason not yet be toilet trained, who may still be wearing nappies or the equivalent. We work with parents towards toilet training, unless there are medical or 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

- Our key persons have a list of personalised changing times for the children in their care who are in nappies or pull ups and change nappies according to this schedule or more frequently where necessary.
- Our key persons undertake changing children in their key groups, back up key persons change them if the key person is absent.
- Children are changed within sight or hearing of other staff whilst maintaining the child's dignity and privacy at all times.
- Our changing area is warm, with a safe area to lay children and no bright lights shining down in their eyes.
- Our staff wear disposable gloves and aprons before changing starts and the areas are prepared. The changing mat is cleaned between changes.
- All our staff are familiar with our hygiene procedures and carry these out when changing nappies.
- Our staff never turn their back on the child or leave them unattended whilst they are on the changing mat.
- We are gentle when changing and avoid pulling faces and making negative comments about nappy contents.

- We do not make inappropriate comments about children’s genitals when changing their nappies.
- In addition we ensure that nappy changing is relaxed and a time to promote independence in young children.
- 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 using the toilet.
- We encourage children 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 soap.
- We son not use antibacterial hand wash liquid or soap for young children. Young skin is quite delicate and antibacterial 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 wrap nappies and pullups hygienically and these are sent home. 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/pullups in the setting this may constitute neglect and will be a disciplinary matter.

Signed on behalf of Tiny Feet Preschool _____ date: _____

Name of signatory _____

Role of signatory _____