

Safeguarding and Welfare Requirement: Safety and suitability of premises, environment and equipment

Providers must ensure there are suitable hygienic changing facilities for changing any children who are in nappies.

6.4 Nappy changing

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 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

- We have a list of changing times for the children in our care who are in nappies or 'pull-ups'; and change nappies according to this schedule, or more frequently where necessary.
- Nappy changes are recorded in the file in the bathroom.
- Children are changed within hearing of other staff whilst maintaining their 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.
- Each child's parents provide their own nappies or pull ups, changing wipes, nappy bags and barrier creams with clear instructions of any specific procedures to be followed.
- Our staff wear gloves before changing starts and the areas are prepared. Staff aprons are also available.
- Staff follow hygiene procedures and carry these out when changing nappies.
- The changing mat is placed on the floor.
- We are gentle and respectful when changing nappies.
- We do not make inappropriate comments about children's genitals or nappy contents 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 wash their hands, and have soap, hand driers and paper towels to hand. They should be allowed time for some play as they explore the water and the soap.
- We do not use anti-bacterial hand wash liquid or soap for young children.
- Children have access to the toilet and are encouraged to be independent.
- We dispose of nappies and pull ups hygienically.

- Cloth nappies, trainer pants and ordinary pants that have been wet or soiled are rinsed and bagged for parents to take home.
- After each nappy change, the changing mat is cleaned with anti-bacterial spray.
- Staff wear a fresh pair of gloves for each nappy change.
- 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.
- Parents are asked to authorise staff to change their child's nappy in the Personal Information Record.

This policy was adopted by	<u>CROWMARSH PRE-SCHOOL</u>	<i>(name of provider)</i>
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