

## EYFS and U2s Toileting and Nappy-Changing Policy

Nappy-changing and toileting are private procedures and a time for enhancing the relationship between staff and child. The experience is positive, unhurried and chatty, a time for quality 1 to 1 interaction between the child and key person. Staff respect the child's feelings, including fears, about toileting and work in partnership with parents/carers to ensure that this part of a child's daily routine is handled sensitively and in accordance with each child's needs.

- Parents or carers advise staff if wipes can safely be used and supply cream when it is required.
- Parents or carers are asked to provide a supply of nappies/pull ups for their child; staff will inform them when more are needed.
- If possible, the child's key person will change their nappy/pants. However, it is recognised that this is not always possible.
- Before changing a child's nappy/pants, the member of staff will ensure the changing area is clean and safe. A child is never left unattended on the changing mat.
- Soiled nappies, wipes, used gloves and aprons will be disposed of in the appropriate bin. A record is kept of when a child has had their nappy/pants changed and whether it was wet and/or soiled. Evidence of nappy rash is recorded too. Children's clothes are checked and changed if necessary.
- The changing mat is cleaned with anti-bacterial spray immediately after use and thoroughly dried before the next use.
- Once a parent/carer has made the decision to start toilet-training their child, staff will work in partnership with them to encourage and develop this self-care skill. Staff will encourage the child to develop independence in toileting and will praise all their efforts and achievements, sharing progress and observations with their parent/carer on a regular basis. Where appropriate, and in consultation with the parent/carer, the staff may use an individual toileting star chart for a child.
- Staff recognise that accidents do happen. Any child needing to be changed will be taken to the toilet area and will have their privacy and feelings respected appropriately. Parents are asked to provide a change of clothing for their child in a bag to be hung on their child's peg. However, a supply of spare "School" clothing is available if necessary and parents are asked to return this as soon as possible.
- Children are able to go to the toilet at any time on request.

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