



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.

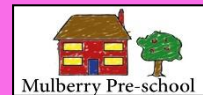
We see toilet training as a self-care skill that children have the opportunity to learn with the full support and non-judgemental concern of adults.

Procedures

- Our key persons undertake changing children in their key groups; back up key persons change them if the key person is absent.
- Our key persons (or back up) change children in nappies or “pull ups” regularly, or more frequently where necessary.
- Each nappy or pull up change is recorded in our “nappy book” stating the child’s name, date and time of change, who changed them, type of soiling (wet or soiled) and if there are any concerns e.g. loose faeces, rashes etc. This book is kept on a high shelf in our children’s toilet which is locked at the end of the day and is not available to any members of public. Parents will be informed of any concerns reported.
- We encourage young children from two years to normally wear pull ups, or other types of trainer pants, as soon as they are comfortable with this and if their parents agree.
- Young children are changed within sight 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 has their own bag to hand with their nappies or pull ups and changing wipes.
- Gloves and aprons during normal times: Our staff put on gloves and aprons before changing starts and the areas are prepared. The changing mat is cleaned with an antibacterial cleaner before and after every use. **Gloves are not always required for a wet nappy where there is no risk of infection, however, gloves are always available for those staff who choose to wear them. Gloves are always worn for a ‘soiled’ nappy.**
- **Gloves and aprons during Covid 19 epidemic – Gloves and aprons TO BE ALWAYS WORN during nappy changing for both soiled and wet.**
- All our staff are familiar with our hygiene procedures and carry these out when changing nappies.
- Our staff never turn their back on a child or leave them unattended whilst they are on the changing mat.
- We are gentle when changing; we 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 also using the toilet.

Safeguarding and Welfare Requirement: Health

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- We encourage children to wash their hands, and have soap 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; young skin is quite delicate and anti-bacterial 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 dispose of nappies and pull ups hygienically. Any soil (faeces) in nappies or pull ups is flushed down the toilet, if possible, and the nappy or pull up is bagged, or double bagged if necessary, and put in the outside bin. Cloth nappies, trainer pants and ordinary pants that have been wet or soiled are rinsed and 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/pull ups in the setting this may constitute as neglect and disciplinary action may need to be taken.

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