



*Safeguarding and Welfare Requirements: Health
Providers must ensure there are suitable hygienic changing facilities for changing any children who are in nappies.*

H6: Nappy Changing Policy

Policy Statement

No child is excluded from participating at the Cabin Preschool 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 make necessary adjustments to our bathroom provision and hygiene practice 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

- All staff have the responsibilities to change nappies as soon as it becomes apparent of the need. We also have a daily person who will take responsibility to check all children at 11.00 or 13.30 each day. This rota is kept in the kitchen
- Young children from two years should wear 'pull ups' or other types of trainer pants as soon as they are comfortable with this and their parents agree.
- Key persons undertake changing young children in their key groups; back up key persons change them if the key person is absent.
- Babies and young children are changed within sight of other staff whilst maintaining their dignity and privacy at all times.
- Changing areas are warm and there are safe areas to lay young children if they need to have their bottoms cleaned.
- Each young child has their own basket to hand with their nappies or 'pull ups' and changing wipes.
- Gloves and aprons are put on before changing starts and the areas are prepared. The mat is sprayed with disinfectant between each child
- All staff are familiar with the hygiene procedures and carry these out when changing nappies.
- In addition, all staff ensure that nappy changing is relaxed and a time to promote independence in young children.
- Young children are encouraged 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, or potty
- They should be encouraged 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 the soap.
- Anti-bacterial hand wash liquid or soap should not be used for young children.
- All staff are gentle when changing; they avoid pulling faces and making negative comment about 'nappy contents'.
- Staff do not make inappropriate comments about young children's genitals when changing their nappies
- Older children access the toilet when they have the need to and are encouraged to be independent.



- Nappies and 'pull ups' are disposed of hygienically. The nappy or pull up is double bagged and put in the bin. Cloth nappies, trainer pants and ordinary pants that have been wet or soiled are bagged for the parent to take home.
- NB If young children are left in wet or soiled nappies/'pull ups' in the setting this may constitute neglect and will be a disciplinary matter. Settings have a 'duty of care' towards children's personal needs.
- If a child with nappy rash needs cream, this should be supplied by the parent and applied with after written consent is agreed.(the cream needs to be appropriate and in date)

This policy was adopted at a meeting of the Pre School Committee	
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Signed on behalf of the Management Committee	J Rolfe
Role of Signatory (e.g Chairperson/owner)	Chairperson
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