

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 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.

EYFS key themes and commitments

A Unique Child	Positive Relationships	Enabling Environments	Learning and Development
1.2 Inclusive practice 1.4 Health and well-being	2.2 Parents as partners 2.4 Key person	3.2 Supporting every child	

Procedures

- Staff check nappies throughout the session and change them when necessary.
- **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 safe to lay young children on a changing mat.
- Each young child has their own basket/ or bag with their nappies or 'pull ups' and wipes.
- Gloves and aprons are put on before changing starts and the areas are prepared.
- All staff are familiar and follow the nappy changing procedures (on display in the changing area) when changing nappies.
- In addition, staff ensure that nappy changing is relaxed and a time to promote independence in young children.
- Staff never turn their back on a child or leave them unattended whilst they are on the changing mat.

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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 immediately. Any soil (faeces) in nappies or pull ups is bagged and put in the outside bin. Cloth nappies, trainer pants and ordinary pants that have been wet or soiled are bagged for the parent to take home.
- We have a 'duty of care' towards children's personal needs.

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.

Date:

Signed:

Date to be reviewed: