

## 6.4 Nappy / Pant Changing

### Safeguarding and Welfare Requirement: Health

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

#### 6.4.1 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.

#### 6.4.2 Procedures

As part of the home visit or practise day it will be discussed with Parents where children are in relationship toilet training.

Children from two years should normally wear pull ups, or other types of trainer pants, as soon as they are comfortable with this and their parents agree. We encourage Parents to have their Children toilet trained by the age of 3.

#### Nappy / Pant Changing Procedure

- Ideally, Key persons undertake changing children in their key groups; back up key persons change them if the key person is absent.
- Changing areas are warm with safe areas to lay children.
- Each child has their own nappies /pull ups, changing wipes and change of pants / clothes in their own bag.
- Gloves and aprons are put on by staff before changing starts and the areas are prepared. The changing mat is freshly sprayed with anti-bacterial spray before and after use for each child.
- All staff are familiar with the hygiene procedures and carry these out when changing nappies / pants and soiled clothes.
- Key persons will inform another member of staff if they are changing a child.
- All children will be changed in the disabled toilet with the door open.
- Another member of staff will be in attendance at an unspecified time during the changing procedure.
- Key persons ensure that nappy changing is relaxed and a time to promote independence in young children.
- Key persons are gentle when changing; they avoid pulling faces and making negative comments about 'nappy contents'.

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## HEALTH

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- Key persons do not make inappropriate comments about children's genitals when changing their nappies.
- Nappies and pull ups are disposed of hygienically. The nappy or pull up is bagged and put in the bin. Cloth nappies, trainer pants and ordinary pants that have been wet or soiled are rinsed and bagged for the parent 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 neglect and will be a disciplinary matter.

#### Children using the Toilet

- 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.
- Children are 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; 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.

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