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

- Key persons have personalised changing times for the children in their care who are in nappies or 'pull-ups'; and change them when necessary.
- We work with parents and take account of when they feel their child is ready for toilet training.
- Our changing areas are safe and comfortable for children.
- Each child has their own bag to hand with their nappies or pull ups and changing wipes provided by parents/carers.
- Our staff put on gloves and aprons before changing starts and the areas are prepared. Paper towel is put down on the changing mat freshly for each child.
- 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.
- We encourage children to wash their hands, and have soap and towels/hand dryer to hand.
- 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 in a specified waste bin. Cloth nappies are 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 neglect.

- Nappy bins are checked regularly and contents are bagged and tied securely then disposed of outside in the allocated bin when full. Staff must wear a clean apron and gloves when changing nappy bins and replacing liners.
- Nappy bins are cleaned at least once a week with a solution of antibacterial spray.

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