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**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 in a private section of the setting. The dividing door is not shut during nappy changing and no mobile devices or recording equipment is stored within the classroom or nappy change area. We ensure the privacy of the child by using a stair gate to prevent other children entering the change area whilst nappy changing is taking place.

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 will monitor nappies/pull ups through-out the session and change nappies according to need. Children know all staff well within the setting. In some situations, e.g. when the key person is absent or dealing with a situation they are unable to come away from, another member of staff will change the child’s nappies. As a small setting all staff are well known to the child and the child will be asked if they are happy to have their nappy changed by that staff member.
* We will work with the parents/carers to accommodate their wishes.
* Our changing area is in a small room joining the classroom. It is a safe area with a raised change table with stairs for the children. The staff member interacts with the child to ensure they are happy. Children can use the sensory toys whilst having their nappy changed if they wish.
* Our staff put on gloves (and optional apron) before changing starts and the change mat is wiped down with anti bacterial spray.
* Our changing table has safety sides and children are never left unattended whilst on the table.
* We are gentle when changing; we avoid pulling faces and making negative comments about ‘nappy content’.
* 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 available in the bathroom.
* 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. The nappy or pull up is bagged and put in a nappy bin. It is disposed of at the end of the day. Cloth nappies, trainer pants and ordinary pants that have been wet or soiled are rinsed and bagged for parents to take home.

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