

Safeguarding and Welfare Requirement: Health

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

Nappy Changing Policy

Policy statement

No child is excluded from attending Hopscotch Playgroup because, for whatever reason, they are not yet toilet trained and 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.

Our bathroom provision and hygiene practice accommodates 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 are aware of the children in their care who are in nappies or 'pull-ups'.
- Key persons undertake changing young children in their key groups; back up key persons change them if the key person is absent.
- Changing areas are warm and there are safe areas to lay young children if they need to have their bottoms cleaned.
- Parents are asked to provide nappies or 'pull ups' and changing wipes for their child. These are to be in a named bag and available on the child's peg.
- Gloves and aprons are put on before changing starts and the areas are prepared.
- All staff are familiar with the hygiene procedures and carry these out when changing nappies.
- In addition, 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 comment about 'nappy contents'.
- Key persons do not make inappropriate comments about young children's genitals when changing their nappies
- 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.

- Older children access the toilet when they have the need to and are encouraged to be independent.
- Children are encouraged to wash their hands and have soap and paper towels to hand. They should be allowed time for some play as they explore the water and the soap.
- Nappies and 'pull ups' are disposed of hygienically. Disposable nappies and 'pull ups' are bagged and put in the appropriate 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. 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.

This procedure was formally a part of the Health and Safety policy and, as such, was adopted at a board meeting of Hopscotch Playgroup, held on the 16th August 2006. It was reviewed and updated on the 17th March 2009 and the 25th January 2011.

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