

General Welfare Requirement: Safeguarding and Promoting Children's Welfare

The provider must promote the good health of the children, take necessary steps to prevent the spread of infection, and take appropriate action when they are ill.

Promoting health and hygiene

1.17 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.

Procedures

- 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.
- Anti-bacterial hand wash liquid or soap should not be used for young children.
- Older children access the toilet when they have the need to and are encouraged to be independent. Children are escorted to the toilet.

Children are welcome to be admitted to pre-school whether or not they are toilet trained.

If a child requires to have a soiled nappy changed, a staff member needs to be out of the classroom for longer than the usual time in order to see to this. Therefore, in order not to compromise our staffing levels, we ask that where a child is still in nappies and requires a soiled nappy to be changed, the parent/carer comes in to do this.

If, however, the parent/carer cannot be contacted by telephone within half an hour, the staff will make an exception and change the child.

This policy was reviewed and updated 2017/2018. The policy will be adopted at the next AGM.

All policies are reviewed on an annual basis before the September AGM.