

Safeguarding and Welfare Requirement: Safety and suitability of premises, environment and equipment

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

6.3 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

- Our key persons undertake changing children in their key groups; back up key persons change them if the key person is absent.
- Children are changed within sight of other staff whilst maintaining their dignity and privacy at all times.
- Our changing area is warm, with a safe area to lay children.
- Parents are asked to put their child's nappies, pull ups and wipes in their child's bag.
- Our staff put on gloves and aprons before changing starts and the areas are prepared. The changing mat is cleaned using disinfectant between each nappy change.
- 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 paper towels to hand. They should be allowed time for some play as they explore the water and the soap.
- 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. Any soil (faeces) in nappies or pull-ups is flushed down the toilet where possible and the nappy, pull up, cloth nappy or pants are bagged and sent home with parents/carers.
- 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.

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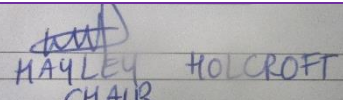
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