

# Nappy Changing Policy



## Policy statement

No child is excluded from participating in Pre-School 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 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.

## EYFS key themes and commitments

A Unique Child	Positive Relationships	Enabling Environments	Learning and Development
1.2 Inclusive practice 1.4 Health and well-being	2.2 Parents as partners 2.4 Key person	3.2 Supporting every child	

## Procedures

- Only staff members will take children unaccompanied to the toilet and any nappy changes or assistance with toileting needs will be witnessed by a second member of staff and recorded for the parent's information and acknowledgement.
- The changing area is warm and there is a safe area to lay young children if they need to have their bottoms cleaned.
- All staff are familiar with the hygiene procedures and carry these out when changing nappies.
- Staff are gentle when changing; they avoid pulling faces and making negative comment about 'nappy contents'.
- Nappies and 'pull ups' are disposed of hygienically. Any soil (faeces) in nappies or pull ups is flushed down the toilet and the nappy or pull up is bagged and put in the sanitary disposal unit. Cloth nappies, trainer pants and ordinary pants that have been wet or soiled are bagged for the parent to take home.
- 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.

- Older children access the toilet when they have the need to and are encouraged to be independent.

**Adoption of policy**

This policy was adopted at a meeting of	_____	name of setting
Held on	_____	(date)
Date to be reviewed	_____	(date)
Signed on behalf of the Committee	_____	
Name of signatory	_____	
Role of signatory (e.g. Chair)	_____	
<i>[Policy 1.17]</i>	_____	