

Safeguarding and Welfare Requirement: Health

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

Health

6.4 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

- When possible staff undertake changing young children in their key groups; this is not always possible in the URC setting due to the separate garden area - staff may not be with their key children.
- Volunteers are not to take part in or be responsible for any form of intimate care.
- Changing areas are warm and there are safe areas to lay young children if they need to have their bottoms cleaned.
- Each young child has their own bag, from home with their nappies or 'pull ups' and changing wipes. (wipes, nappies or pull-ups are available in the setting if necessary)
- Gloves and aprons are put on before changing starts and the areas are prepared changing mat is wiped and sprayed with anti-bacterial spray after was use. **Gloves are not always required for a wet nappy (where there is no risk of infection), however, gloves are always available for those staff who choose to wear them. Gloves are always required for a 'soiled' nappy.**
- 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.

- 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.
- Adults are gentle when changing; they avoid pulling faces and making negative comment about 'nappy contents'.
- Adults do not make inappropriate comments about young children's genitals when changing their nappies
- Older children access the toilet when they have the need to and are encouraged to be independent.
- 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 bin. Cloth nappies, trainer pants and ordinary pants that have been wet or soiled are rinsed and bagged for the parent to take home.
- NB 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. Settings have a 'duty of care' towards children's personal needs.

This policy was adopted at a meeting of	Tiptree Preschool Playgroup	name of setting
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Signed on behalf of the management committee		
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