

**Safeguarding and Welfare Requirement: Health**

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

**Health**

**Nappy Changing Policy**

**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 pull-ups. 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 make necessary adjustments to our toilet 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-judgmental concern of adults.

**EYFS Key themes and commitments**

<b>A Unique Child</b>	<b>Positive Relationships</b>	<b>Enabling Environments</b>	<b>Learning &amp; Development</b>
1.2 Inclusive practice 1.3 Keeping safe 1.4 Health & well-being	2.1 Respecting each other 2.2 Parents as partners	3.2 Supporting every child	4.4 Personal, social & emotional development

**Procedures**

- Key persons are aware of all children in their care who are in nappies or pull-ups.
- Only staff who the children know well will change nappies and pull-ups.
- Changing areas are warm and there are safe areas to lay young children if they need to have their bottoms cleaned.
- Each child has their own nappies, pull-ups and changing wipes provided by parents.
- Staff put on gloves and aprons before changing starts.
- All staff are familiar with the hygiene procedures and carry these out when changing nappies.
- Nappies and pull-ups will be changed in a designated area where the children can be observed at all times by other staff, but also valuing the child’s right to personal privacy, in order to promote the safeguarding and welfare of both children and staff.
- Staff will ensure that nappy changing is relaxed and is a time to promote independence in young children; asking them to find their clean nappy and wipes, helping with removal and replacement of clothing etc.
- Young children are encouraged to take an interest in using the toilet; they may just want to sit on it or talk to a friend who is using the toilet. Once children reach this stage we encourage parents to provide pull ups or other trainer pants and to dress their children to make using the toilet easier for the child.

- Children will be encouraged to wash their hands and will be allowed time to explore the soap and water.
- Staff are gentle when changing; they avoid pulling faces and making negative comment about 'nappy contents'.
- Staff do not make inappropriate comments about children's genitals when changing their nappies.
- Older children are encouraged to be independent and access the toilet when they need to.
- Staff will inform other staff when they are toileting children who need support, in order to promote the safeguarding and welfare of children and staff.
- Soiled nappies, pull-ups and wipes are disposed of hygienically by being wrapped and placed in the nappy disposal bins provided. Soiled clothing is bagged for the parent to take home or disposed of where this is deemed more appropriate.
- If used, nappy changing mats are sprayed and wiped after each child.
- NB If young children are left in wet or soiled nappies or pull-ups in the setting this may constitute neglect and will be a disciplinary matter. The setting has 'duty of care' towards children's personal needs.

This policy was adopted by \_\_\_\_\_ *(name of provider)*  
On \_\_\_\_\_ *(date)*  
Date to be reviewed \_\_\_\_\_ *(date)*  
Signed on behalf of the provider \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of signatory \_\_\_\_\_  
Role of signatory (e.g. chair, director or owner) \_\_\_\_\_