

Froxfield Pre-School Nappy Changing Policy

Policy statement

No child is excluded from participating in the 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

- Key persons, or other members of staff, monitor the young children in their care who are in nappies or 'pull-ups' and change them as necessary.
- 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.
- Each child has their own bag to hand with their nappies or pull ups and changing wipes.
- Staff put on gloves and aprons before changing starts and the areas are prepared. Paper towel is put down on the changing mat freshly for each child. 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 worn for a 'soiled' nappy.
- All our staff are familiar with our hygiene procedures and carry these out when changing nappies.
- Key persons are gentle when changing.
- Key persons do not comment on the nappy contents or children's genitals.
- 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 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 is not used for young children.
- Older children access the toilet when they have the need to and are encouraged to be independent; we supervise children at all times when they are in the nursery.
- We dispose of nappies and pull ups hygienically. Cloth nappies, trainer pants and ordinary pants that have been wet or soiled are rinsed and bagged for parents to take home.

- We have a 'duty of care' towards children's personal needs. Children will never be left in a wet or soiled nappy.

This policy was adopted by	Froxfield Pre-School	<i>(name of provider)</i>
On	16 th October 2019	<i>(date)</i>
Date to be reviewed	October 2020	<i>(date)</i>
Signed on behalf of the provider		
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