

Goostrey Pre-School

Nappy changing and Intimate care 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 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 Workers monitor changing times for the children in their care who are in nappies or 'pull-ups'.
- Children from two years may wear pull ups, or other types of trainer pants, as soon as they are comfortable with this and their parents agree.
- Key Workers undertake changing children in their key groups; back up key Workers change them if the key Worker is absent.
- Changing areas are warm with safe areas to lay children.
- Each child has their own bag to hand with their nappies or pull ups and changing wipes and plastic bags.
- Gloves are put on by staff before changing starts and the areas are prepared. A fresh pair of gloves is worn for each child.
- All staff are familiar with the hygiene procedures and carry these out when changing nappies.

- In addition, key Workers ensure that nappy changing is relaxed and a time to promote independence in young children.
- 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.
- Children are encouraged 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.
- Anti-bacterial hand wash liquid or soap should not be used for young children; young skin is quite delicate and anti-bacterial products kill off certain good bacteria that children need to develop their own natural resistance to infection.
- Key Workers are gentle when changing; they avoid pulling faces and making negative comments about ‘nappy contents’.
- Key Workers do not make inappropriate comments about 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 bagged and disposed of. Cloth nappies, trainer pants and ordinary pants that have been wet or soiled are bagged for the parent to take home.
- 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.
- Each Nappy/Pull-up/Underwear change is recorded in the book and signed by the staff member.

Where a child in underwear requires changing, the above will apply. The child will be made to feel comfortable throughout the changing experience. Should a child a child soil themselves to a degree where staff cannot clean them sufficiently, a parent will be called to collect the child.

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