

Safeguarding and Welfare Requirement: Health

The provider must promote the good health of the children attending the setting

6.4 Nappy changing

Policy statement

No child is excluded from participating in our provision 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 make necessary adjustments to our bathroom 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-judgemental concern of adults.

Procedures

- Key persons change nappies as required and always after lunch time if they are in pre- school all day.
- We have a designated nappy area for changing children.
- Each young child has their own bag with their nappies or 'pull ups'
- Gloves and aprons are put on 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 work for a 'soiled' nappy.
- All staff are familiar with the hygiene procedures and carry these out when changing nappies.
- 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.
- Liquid soap is supplied in dispensers for use by young children.
- Key persons are gentle when changing; they avoid pulling faces and making negative comments about 'nappy contents'.
- Key persons 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.
- 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/reviewed at a meeting of	Little Acorns	(name of provider)
Held on	<hr/> 24 th February 2021	(date)
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Signed on behalf of the management committee		
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