



Intimate Care Policy

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 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-judgmental concern of adults.

- Parents are required to provide nappies, wipes and creams and are requested to take bagged soiled clothes home daily.
- Changing areas are warm and there is a safe area to lay children if they need to have their nappies changed.
- Doors to changing areas remain ajar and allow the free flow of Nursery Staff to ensure supervision in line with Safeguarding best practice.
- Gloves and aprons are put on before changing begins and the surface wiped before and after with an antibacterial cleaner each individual child is changed.
- Staff are familiar with hygiene procedures and carry these out whilst changing nappies.
- Nappy changing is relaxed and independence promoting where a child is able.
- Young children are encouraged to take an interest in using the toilet.
- Children will be encouraged to wash their hands with soap and water (antibacterial soap should not be used) and to dry them thoroughly with paper towels.
- Adults will be gentle when changing nappies/clothes and not make negative comments.
- The child's privacy should be respected at all times and there should be no discussion of intimate personal matters.
- Nappies are disposed of hygienically: they are bagged and disposed of in the appropriate bin.
- Children are checked regularly and changed when necessary.
- The changing of nappies/clothes will be recorded in a register.
- Parents and visitors are not permitted to use/enter the children's toilet area.

This policy is monitored by the Headteacher and the Trustees and will be reviewed in three years, or earlier if necessary.

Signed:

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