

Aspin Park Early Years

Nappy changing policy

Safeguarding and Welfare Requirement: Health

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

Aim

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 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

- **There is a list of children noting whether they need their nappies/pull-ups changing or help on the toilet.**
- **Key persons undertake changing children in their key groups.**
- **Changing areas are warm with a safe area to lay children.**
- **Each child has their own bag to hand, with their nappies/pull ups and changing wipes.**
- **Gloves and aprons are put on by staff before changing starts and the areas are prepared. Paper towel is put down on the changing mat freshly for each child.**
- **All staff are familiar with hygiene procedures and carry these out when changing nappies.**
- **In addition, key persons 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 some time to explore the soap and water.**
- **A mild liquid soap should be used.**
- **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 children's genitals when changing their nappies.**
- **Older children access the toilet when they need to and are encouraged to be independent.**
- **Nappies and pull ups are disposed of hygienically, bagged and put in the bin. Cloth nappies, trainer pants and ordinary pants that have been wet or soiled are bagged for the parents 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.**

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