



Safeguarding and Welfare Requirement: Safety and suitability of premises, environment and equipment

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

Nappy changing during Covid 19

Policy statement

We will not exclude a child from participating in our setting who may, for any reason, not yet be toilet trained and who may still be wearing nappies or equivalent, during the coronavirus crisis. 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 will however be adapting our nappy changing procedure during this time, to ensure the safety of our children and staff.

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

- We encourage young children from two years to normally wear pull ups, or other types of trainer pants, as soon as they are comfortable with this and if their parents agree.
- Our changing area is warm, with a safe area to lay children and no bright lights shining down in their eyes. There are mobiles and other objects of interest to take the child's attention.
- Each child has their own bags to hand with their nappies or pull ups and changing wipes.
- Our staff will put on gloves, aprons, which will be disposed of after every change and wear face masks and visors before changing starts and the changing mat will be sanitise before and after each nappy change.
- All our staff are familiar with our new hygiene procedures and will carry these out when changing nappies.
- Our staff never turn their back on a child or leave them unattended whilst they are on the changing mat.
- We are gentle when changing; we avoid pulling faces and making negative comments about 'nappy contents'.
- We do not make inappropriate comments about children's genitals when changing their nappies.
- In addition, 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 will ensure children wash their hands, after their nappy changing session using soap and dry hands on disposable towels.

- Older children access the toilet when they have the need to and will need to inform a member of staff to assist.
- We will dispose of all nappies and pull ups hygienically, using a nappy sack and put into outside in the nappy bin. Any soil (faeces) in nappies, the nappy or pull up is bagged and put in the bin. 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. If children are left in wet or soiled nappies/pull ups in the setting this may constitute neglect and will be a disciplinary matter.