



Intimate Care Policy

A unique child	Positive Relationships	Enabling Environments	Learning and Development
1.2 Inclusive practice 1.3 Keeping safe 1.4 Health and well-being	2.2 Parents as partners 2.4 Key Person	3.2 Supporting every child	

Statement

No child is excluded from participating at The Village Pre-school E17 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 staff, parents and carers.

Method

Staff are fully aware of which children are wearing nappies, pull ups or are currently toilet training.

All staff undertake changing of children and keep a record of it in our nappy changing book. Information in the record will include time, reason for changing and staff member's name.

Changing areas are warm and there are safe areas to lay young children if they need to have their bottoms cleaned.

We ask each parent to provide their child with their own nappies or 'pull ups', wipes, etc.

Gloves and aprons are put on before changing starts and the areas are prepared. The changing mat is cleaned before and after each use.

All staff are familiar with the hygiene procedures and carry these out when changing nappies.

In addition, staff ensure that nappy changing is relaxed and a time to promote independence in young children.

Young 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.

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.

Staff are gentle when changing; they avoid pulling faces and making negative comment about 'nappy contents'.

Staff 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. Cloth nappies, trainer pants and ordinary pants that have been wet or soiled are bagged for the parent to take home.

NB 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.

We request that parents and carers make sure that their child's nappy or 'pull up' is clean and dry before they come into the session.

We may also need to change children's clothes if they have an accident and wet or soiled themselves. In these cases, staff will follow the same guidelines and procedures in their treatment of children as those for nappy changing.