

Safeguarding and Welfare Requirement: Health

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

Nappy changing

Policy statement

No child is excluded from participating in Saffron Walden Nursery School 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 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

- Our key persons undertake changing children in their key groups; back up key persons change them if the key person is absent. No person without an enhanced DBS check shall enter the toilet area or be allowed to change children.
- 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 bag to hand with their nappies or pull ups.
- We provide changing wipes unless parents provide their own.
- Our staff put on gloves (and aprons where needed) before changing starts and the areas are prepared. The changing mat is cleaned with anti-bacterial spray and dried between each change.
- All our staff are familiar with our hygiene procedures and carry these out when changing nappies.
- Our staff never turns their back on a child or leave them unattended whilst they are on the changing unit. One hand should always remain in contact with the child.
- 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 encourage children to wash their hands, and have soap and paper towels to hand. They should be allowed time for some play as they explore the water and the soap.

- We do not use anti-bacterial hand wash liquid or soap for young children; young skin is quite delicate and anti-bacterial products kill off certain good bacteria that children need to develop their own natural resistance to infection.
- Older children access the toilet when they have the need to and are encouraged to be independent.
- We dispose of nappies and pull ups hygienically. Cloth nappies, trainer pants and ordinary pants that have been wet or soiled are emptied 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.
- Whilst we believe the independence , privacy and dignity of the children is paramount we do believe groups of children in the toilet area should be monitored to promote positive behaviour.

This policy was adopted by

Saffron Walden Nursery School

On

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Signed on behalf of the provider

Name of signatory

Role of signatory (e.g. chair, director or owner)

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