6.5 Nappy Changing

Policy statement

No child is excluded from participating in our 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 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.

Procedures

- Key persons, or other members of staff, monitor the young children in their care who are in nappies or 'pull-ups' and change them as necessary
- Key persons undertake changing young children in their key groups; back up key persons change them if the key person is absent.
- Nappy changes are recorded by the "changer" in the log.
- The bathroom door will be closed during a nappy change/ personal care.
- There is a safe area in the changing room to lay young children if they need to have their bottoms cleaned.
- Each young child has their own named bag to hand with their nappies or 'pull ups' and changing wipes for that child's sole use.
- Gloves and aprons are put on 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 the 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. ▪ 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 are encouraged to wash their hands and there are soap and paper towels to hand. They are allowed time for some play as they explore the water and the soap.
- Key persons are gentle when changing
- Key persons 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.
- Should a child be unhappy to have a nappy changed by a member of staff, the parent of the child will be asked to come and change the nappy as necessary.

- We have a “duty of care” towards children's personal needs. Children will not be left in wet or soiled nappies or pull ups.

Change log		
This policy was changed on	**Signed on behalf of the nursery**	**Reason for change**
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