

Sturminster Marshall Pre-School



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09.04 Nappy changing and Intimate care

Policy statement

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 exercise good hygiene practices in order to accommodate children who are not yet toilet trained.

Sturminster Marshall Pre-School 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 – Nappy changing

- Practitioners change nappies for children in our care whether in nappies or ‘pull-ups’; and change nappies according to this schedule, or more frequently where necessary.
- Our changing area is warm, with a safe area to lay children and no bright lights shining down in their eyes.
- Each child has their own bag to hand with their nappies or pull ups and changing wipes.
- Children are changed within sight of other staff whilst maintaining their dignity and privacy at all times.
- All practitioners put on gloves and aprons before changing starts and the areas are prepared.
- All our practitioners are familiar with our hygiene procedures and carry these out when changing nappies.
- Our practitioners never turn their back on a child or leave them unattended whilst they are on the changing mat.
- We are gentle when changing; and 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.

09 Childcare practice procedures

- 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.
- Children are 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.
- 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. 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 nappy 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.

Procedures - Intimate care

- We aim to provide intimate care when needed treating the child with sensitivity and respect.
- We liaise closely with parents to obtain as much information as possible to make the experience a positive one. We are conscious that intimate care may be a sensitive issue for both parents and child and confidentiality of personal information will be considered at all times.