

Safeguarding and Welfare Requirement: Health

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



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NAPPY CHANGING

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 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 adults.

Procedures:

- Key persons have a list of personalised changing times for the students in their care who are in nappies or 'pull-ups'.
- Students from two years should normally wear pull-ups or other types of trainer pants, as soon as they are comfortable with this and their parent/carer agrees.
- Key persons undertake changing students in their key groups; back up key persons changes them if the key person is absent.
- Changing areas are warm with safe areas for the student to lay.
- Each student has their own basket to hand with their nappies or pull ups and changing wipes.
- Gloves and aprons are put on by the staff before changing starts and the areas are prepared. Paper towel is down on the changing mat freshly for each student.
- All staff are familiar with the hygiene procedures and carry these out when changing nappies.
- In addition, key person ensure that nappy changing is relaxed and a time to promote independence in young students.
- Students are encouraged to take an interest in using the toilet.
- Students are encouraged to wash their hands, and have soap and towels to hand.
- Due to the specialist needs of our students, messy play will be incorporated to allow the students time to explore soap and water.
- Key persons are gentle when changing; they avoid pulling faces and making negative comments about 'nappy contents'.
- Key person do not make inappropriate comments about student'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 then put in the bin. Cloth nappies, trainer pants and ordinary pants that have been wet or soiled are rinsed and bagged for the parent/carer to take home.
- We have a 'duty of care' towards student's personal needs. If students are left in the wet or soiled nappies/pull ups in the setting this may constitute neglect and will be a disciplinary matter.