

Nappy Changing Policy

Statement of intent

In the event of it being necessary to change a child's nappy, the following procedures will be followed.

Procedures

In order to care for the children's physical needs we ask that parents/carers:

- Make sure that wherever possible children arrive at nursery wearing a clean nappy or pull ups.
- Provide nappies, cream, wipes and nappy bags so that if it is necessary to change the child their individual needs can be met.
- Discuss any issues arising from the policy with the child's keyperson.

The nursery will ensure that:

- Only a person with enhanced DBS clearance will change children's nappies or pull ups.
- Children's nappies or pants will be changed in a private, designated area which complies with Health, Hygiene and Safety regulations.
- The designated area/mats etc. will be cleaned before and after a child is changed with a suitable disinfectant cleaner or antibacterial wipes NOT baby wipes. If any child has a known allergy to the cleaning substance(s), a disposable change mat is to be used.
- The child will never be left alone on the changing mat.
- Staff will wear clean disposable gloves for each child.
- Appropriate hand washing facilities will be available for the adult and the child and hands will be washed using anti-bacterial soap and dried thoroughly with a paper towel after completing the procedure.
- Dirty nappies/pants will be placed in a nappy bag and disposed of in a designated bin outside the fire exit, immediately after changing the child.
- The child's privacy will be respected at all times during nappy changing.
- Potty training is encouraged in accordance with the wishes and methods of the parent/carer provided this is within the nursery's capabilities; ie: **we are unable to have a potty in the play areas or have a child playing without any clothing/underwear.**
- If the parent/carer has any queries or concerns about this procedure they should talk to their child's keyperson or a member of the management team.
- It is not acceptable to the nursery that children should persistently arrive in soiled or wet nappies or pants. If this situation does arise the keyperson, with the support of room leader/management, will have a discussion with the parent/carer about the development of the child's toilet training.
- In all cases where a child is assisted with their toileting, details will be recorded on the appropriate form.

