

Swanwick Pre School Nappy changing

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.

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. Pull ups are requested for children who show signs of wanting to use the toilet.

Procedures

- Children from two years should normally wear pull-ups, or other types of trainer pants, as soon as they are comfortable with this and if their parents agree.
- Young children are changed within sight of other staff whilst maintaining their dignity and privacy at all times.
- Changing areas are warm with safe areas to lay children.
- Gloves are put on before changing starts and the areas are prepared. Paper towel is put down on the changing mat freshly for each child. Gloves are not always required for a wet nappy where there is no risk of infection, however, gloves are always available for those staff who choose to wear them. Gloves are always worn for a 'soiled' nappy.
- All our staff are familiar with our hygiene procedures and carry these out when changing children's nappies.
Staff never turn their back on a child or leave them unattended whilst they are on the changing mat.
- Staff are gentle when changing; they avoid pulling faces and making negative comments about 'nappy contents'.
- Staff do not make inappropriate comments about children's genitals when changing their children.
- 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.
- Staff encourage children 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.
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, so we do not use antibacterial soaps.

- 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. Trainer pants and ordinary pants that have been wet or soiled are 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.

This policy was adopted by	Swanwick Pre School	<i>(name of provider)</i>
On	Sept 19	<i>(date)</i>
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Signed on behalf of the provider		
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