

Safeguarding and Welfare Requirement: Health

The provider must promote the good health of the children attending the setting

St Matthew's Preschool Policy

3.5 Nappy changing

Policy statement

No child is excluded from the 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 toilet 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

- Changing areas are warm and there are safe areas to lay young children if they need to have their bottoms cleaned. Staff are gentle when changing nappies/clothes.
- Each child should have their own bag provided by parents - with their nappies or 'pull ups' and wipes.
- Gloves and aprons are put on before changing starts and the areas are prepared.
- All staff are familiar with the hygiene procedures and carry these out when changing nappies.
- 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.
- Children must wash their hands with hand wash. They should be allowed time for some play as they explore the water and the soap/bubbles.
- Staff do not make inappropriate comments about young children's genitals when changing their nappies.
- Only CRB/DBS checked adults take the children to the toilet, either when the child asks or if the adult believes there is a need. Then the child can access the toilet independently.
- Nappies and 'pull ups' are disposed of hygienically. Cloth nappies, trainer pants and ordinary pants that have been wet or soiled are bagged for the parent to take home.
- If children are left in wet or soiled nappies/pull ups in the setting this may constitute neglect and will be a disciplinary matter. Settings have a 'duty of care' towards children's personal needs.

This policy was adopted at a meeting of

St Matthew's Preschool

Held on

_____ (date)

Date to be reviewed

_____ (date)

Signed on behalf of the management committee

Name of signatory

Role of Signatory

