

Promoting Health and Hygiene

Nappy Changing and Using the Toilet

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 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.

EYFS key themes and commitments

A Unique Child	Positive Relationships	Enabling Environments	Learning and Development
1.2 Inclusive practice 1.4 Health and well-being	2.2 Parents as partners 2.4 Key person	3.2 Supporting every child	

This Policy was adopted at a meeting of Wellow Under Fives Preschool

Held On	6 th December 2011
Date to be reviewed	December 2012
Signed on behalf of the management committee	
Name of signatory	Rob Blakemore
Role of signatory	Chairperson

Procedures

- Parents are asked to provide approximate changing times for their young child who is in nappies or 'pull-ups'.
- We encourage parents to use 'pull ups' or other types of trainer for Young children from two years six months and a half who are not toilet trained
- Changing areas are warm and there are safe areas to lay young children if they need to have their bottoms cleaned.
- Each young child has their own bag, provided by the child's parents or carers which is kept on their own named chair, with their nappies or 'pull ups' and changing wipes.
- If a parent/carer requests that a child needs some sort of nappy rash cream applied on a particular day, the parent/carer must supply said nappy cream. Parents will sign a form indicating that they give permission for the staff to administer non-prescribed creams. The cream shall be returned to parents at the end of the session.
- Gloves and aprons are put on before changing starts and the areas are prepared. Paper towels are put down on the changing mat freshly for each child.
- All staff are familiar with the hygiene procedures and carry these out when changing nappies.
- Staff members ensure that nappy changing is relaxed and a time to promote independence in young children.
- Young 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 are encouraged to wash their hands and have soap and towels to hand. They are allowed time for some play as they explore the water and the soap.
- Staff are gentle when changing; they avoid pulling faces and making negative comments about 'nappy contents'.
- Staff do not make inappropriate comments about young children's genitals when changing their nappies
- Older children access the toilet when they have the need to and are encouraged to be independent. If however a child needs help with cleaning themselves after going to the toilet staff help the child to wipe their bottoms to make sure they are clean and dry.
- 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. Cloth nappies, trainer pants and ordinary pants or any article of clothing that have been wet or soiled are bagged for the parent to take home. The parent are informed that the article will not have been rinsed before being bagged.

NB: If young 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.