

Safeguarding and Welfare Requirement: Health

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



6.4 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.

Procedures

- Our staff are aware of children who attend pre-school who are in nappies or 'pull-ups'; and change nappies according to parents instructions, or more frequently where necessary.
- We encourage young children from two years to normally wear pull ups, or other types of trainer pants, as soon as they are comfortable with this and if their parents agree.
- Our staff undertake changing children when necessary.
- Babies and young children are changed within sight of other staff whilst maintaining their dignity and privacy at all times.
- Our changing area is a safe area to lay children and no bright lights shining down in their eyes.
- Parents supply nappies or 'pull ups' which are kept in the child's bag on their coat peg. Pre-school provide wipes and nappy sacks for taking the dirty/wet nappy home.
- Our staff put on gloves and aprons before changing starts and the areas are prepared.
- All our staff are familiar with our hygiene procedures and carry these out when changing nappies.
- Our staff never turn their back on a child or leave them unattended whilst they are on the changing mat.
- We are gentle when changing; we avoid pulling faces and making negative comments about 'nappy contents'.
- We do not make inappropriate comments about children's genitals when changing their nappies.
- In addition, we ensure that nappy changing is relaxed and a time to promote independence in young children.
- We encourage children 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.
- We 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.

- We do not use anti-bacterial hand wash liquid or soap for young children; 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.
- Older children access the toilet when they have the need to and are encouraged to be independent.
- We dispose of nappies and pull ups hygienically by being bagged and given to parent/carer to take home. Any soil (faeces) in nappies or pull ups is flushed down the toilet and the nappy or pull up is bagged and given to parent/carer at collection time. Cloth nappies, trainer pants and ordinary pants that have been wet or soiled are rinsed and 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].
- Nappy check rota – children's nappies are checked regularly to ensure they are not in any discomfort. The time the nappy is checked is recorded on the rota and if the nappy is changed the staff member initials the rota.

This policy was adopted by

Oliver's Battery Pre-school CIO

On

5th August 2019

(date)

Date to be reviewed

September 2020

(date)

Signed on behalf of the provider

Name of signatory

Alison Cochrane

Role of signatory (e.g. chair, director or owner)

Chair of trustees