



Nappy changing

Policy statement

At The Play Cabin, 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. No child is excluded from participating in our setting who may, for any reason, not yet be toilet trained and may be wearing nappies or the 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.

Procedures

- Each child has their own bag with their nappies or pull-ups.
- Our staff regularly check all children in their care who are in nappies or 'pull-ups'; and change nappies as required.
- Children must be changed immediately if their nappy becomes soiled or wet. 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.
- All our staff are familiar with our hygiene procedures and carry these out when changing nappies.
- Children are changed within sight of other staff whilst maintaining their dignity and privacy at all times.
- Our staff never turn their back on a child or leave them unattended whilst they are on the changing mat/table.
- Staff must record all nappy changes detailing the time of the change and whether it was soiled or wet.
- Students and volunteers never change children.
- We encourage children to take an interest in using the toilet.
- 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.
- Older children access the toilet when they have the need to and are encouraged to be independent.
- We encourage children to wash their hands, and have soap and paper 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.



- Soiled nappies and pull-ups are put into nappy bins and the collection and final disposal is handled by a licensed carrier in line with the regulations for sanitary waste. Trainer pants and ordinary pants that have been wet or soiled are rinsed and bagged for parents to take home.