General Welfare Requirement: Safeguarding and Promoting Children's Welfare

The provider must promote the good health of the children, take necessary steps to prevent the spread of infection, and take appropriate action when they are ill.

Promoting health and hygiene

1.17 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 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.

Procedures

- Young children from two years should wear 'pull ups' or other types of trainer pants as soon as they are comfortable with this and their parents agree.
- A member of staff will undertake changing young children.
- We have a designated changing area, away from play facilities and from any area where food is prepared or consumed. Changing areas are warm and there are safe areas to lay young children if they need to have their bottoms cleaned.
- Gloves are put on before changing starts and the areas are prepared. The rubber gloves are washed whilst wearing them and are disposed of after every nappy change. Hand washing facilities are available in the room and staff have to wash and dry their hands after every nappy change, before handling another child or leaving the nappy changing area.
- Antibacterial wipes to be used to clean the mat after each use. If the mat is visibly soiled, then the mat is cleaned thoroughly with hot, soapy water. The mat is checked weekly for tears and is discarded if the cover is damaged.
- A designated sink for cleaning potties (if supplied by parent), is located in the girls toilet.
- All staff are familiar with the hygiene procedures and carry these out when changing nappies.

- In addition, the member of staff will 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.
- They should be encouraged to wash their hands and have soap and a hand dryer to hand.
 They should be allowed time for some play as they explore the water and the soap.
- Pre-school assistants are gentle when changing; they avoid pulling faces and making negative comment about 'nappy contents'.
- Pre-school assistants 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.
- 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 that have been wet or soiled are bagged for the parent to take home. Children's skin is cleaned with a disposable wipe, which is placed in the nappy sack with the soiled nappy or pull up. Nappy sacks with the soiled nappy or pull up inside, are disposed of in the general waste, outside of the building.
- Nappy creams and lotions are labelled with the child's name and is kept in a safe place, away from children. These creams or lotions are not shared with others.
- 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.

This policy was adopted at a meeting of	All Saints Pre-school	name of setting
Held on	20 th June 2019	(date)
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Signed on behalf of the management		
committee		
Name of signatory		
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