

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.

