

Safeguarding and Welfare Requirement: Health

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



Nappy changing and intimate care

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

- Key staff undertake changing children in their key groups.
- Changing areas are warm with safe areas to lay children.
- Each child has their own box to hand with their nappies or pull ups and changing wipes.
- Gloves are put on by staff before changing starts and the areas are prepared.
- All staff are familiar with the hygiene procedures and carry these out when changing nappies.
- In addition, staff ensure that nappy changing is relaxed and a time to promote independence in young children.
- 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.

- Staff are gentle when changing; they avoid pulling faces and making negative comments about 'nappy contents'.
- Staff do not make inappropriate comments about 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 they need any support or help cleaning themselves up then staff will follow the same procedures as nappy changing with regards to safeguarding themselves and clearing up bodily fluids.
- Nappies and pull ups are disposed of hygienically. Any soil (faeces) in nappies or pull ups 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.
- 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.

Safeguarding

Staff are trained on the signs and symptoms of child abuse which in line with Devon Safeguarding Children's Board guidelines and are aware of the DFES booklet 'What to do if you think a child is being abused' and will follow the guidance given.

If a member of staff is concerned about any physical or emotional changes, such as marks, bruises, soreness, distress etc they will inform the Designated Safeguarding Officer (DSO) immediately. The Safeguarding Policy will then be implemented.

Should a child become unhappy about being cared for by a particular member of staff, the DSO/ Manager will look into the situation and record any findings. These will be discussed with the child's parents/carers in order to resolve the problem. If necessary the DSO/Manager will seek advice from other agencies.

If a child makes an allegation against a member of staff, the procedure set out in the Safeguarding Policy will be followed.

This policy was adopted at a meeting of

Ladybirds Day Nursery

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Signed on behalf of the provider

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