

## **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**

- All staff are responsible for nappy checking/changing times and at present this schedule is as follows; 8:45am-9:30am (before going outside), 11:45-12:30pm (before/after lunch and before collection time), 1:15-1:45pm (before going outside), between 3:30-4:45pm (before/after snack tea and before collection time). Other checks/changes will take place as and when required. Nappies will always be changed more regularly if requested by parents/carers for individual reasons such as medical conditions.
- Staff alternate changing nappies. All staff will change all children and we do not use a key group system at present. Our indoor changing areas have a safe area to lay children and no bright lights shining down in their eyes. To minimise interruptions to the children's learning and play, we also have an outdoor changing area. Our outdoor changing area is cornered off inside the Dome to give the children privacy. All nappy changing equipment including aprons, gloves, wipes are stored in labelled storage draws in the nappy changing area. Supplies of nappies and wipes are stored both inside and outside. We currently provide all nappies and use bottom cloths or wipes for soiled nappies, but if parents/carers wish to supply specific brands, these are stored in a separate box labelled with the child's name.
- Parents' consent to the use of nappy creams being applied when needed. They can supply their own cream which will be labelled with the child's name.
- In warmer months, a nappy changing tent is set up by the outdoor sleeping area in the woodlands to change children's nappies after their sleep.
- Our staff put on gloves before changing starts and the areas are prepared. Wipeable aprons are used at nappy changing time, and are wiped down with thieves spray after every soiled nappy. Changing units/areas are given a deep clean at least once a week. Disposable aprons are available.
- 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 potty/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 when appropriate.
- In our outdoor area children also have access to hand washing facilities. Staff transport warm water in containers for use in our outdoor area and the water temperature is checked regularly (our water container keeps the temperature warm for 5 hours so lasts the whole session).
- 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. Staff are always close by to assist if needed.
- We dispose of nappies and pull ups hygienically. Soiled nappies or pull ups are put in to our Green Bottoms recycling bags in a lidded bin which is emptied daily in to our big yellow Green Bottoms bin. Nappies that are changed in the Dome are bagged when needed and placed in the bin in the nappy changing area which is emptied at the end of each day. Cloth nappies, trainer pants and ordinary pants that have been wet or soiled are bagged for parents to take home or stored in a container/bag supplied by the parent/carer.
- Our setting supports and promotes the use of cloth nappies and will fully support families using them. A lidded bucket labelled with the child's name will need to be provided by parents to transport wet/soiled nappies home for washing. Contents of soiled cloth nappies will be emptied in to the toilet where possible before placing them in the bucket.
- 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.

This policy was adopted by	<u>Daffodils Outdoor Nursery Ltd</u>	<i>(name of provider)</i>
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