

Safeguarding and Welfare Requirement: Health

Providers must ensure there are suitable hygienic changing facilities for toileting and changing children. Ensuring that children's privacy is considered and balanced with safeguarding considerations.

Toileting Policy

Policy Statement

When a child is ready to transition from nappies/pull-ups to pants, the child's key person will collaborate with parents/carers. A plan is drawn up together to ensure a consistent approach. Toilet training is a self-care skill that children have the opportunity to learn with the full support and non-judgemental concerns of adults.

Procedures

- We ask parents/carers to provide several changes of clothes in the child's bag in case of toileting accidents.
- Children will have access to a child sized toilet with an insert toilet seat.
- Children will be encouraged to wash their hands after using the toilet or having a nappy change.
- Children will not be left in wet/soiled clothes. We have spare clothing if parents/carers have not supplied any.
- Soiled/wet clothing is bagged and given to parents/carers on collection of the child. We ask any borrowed items to be washed and returned ready for re-use.
- As children become more confident, they will be encouraged to manage their own personal hygiene independently. Staff will provide support should it be required.
- Only staff with a valid DBS check will be allowed to enter the toilet area.
- Staff will take all necessary measures to safeguard themselves when they are assisting children on the toilet or changing a nappy, e.g. Leave toilet doors open at all times when in a cubicle with a child, ensuring the child's privacy is considered. Any suspicious acts will be dealt with immediately and necessary action will be taken.
- Parents/carers may change or attend to their child in the toilet area if there are no other children present. Staff will check before permitting access.