

### **Safeguarding and Welfare Requirement: Health**

Providers must ensure there are suitable hygienic changing facilities for toileting and changing children.

## **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**

- Potties – staff are to give children support, encouragement and privacy as required when using the potty. After use, staff need to dispose of the waste appropriately in a toilet, then the potty cleaned with antibacterial spray and wiped thoroughly.
- 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 toilet/potty as and when they need them, and in accordance with parents/carers wishes as much as possible.
- Children will be encouraged to wash their hands after using the toilet/potty.
- 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/potty, eg. leave toilet doors open at all times when in a cubicle with a child. 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.