# **6.4 Nappy changing**

## **Policy Statement**

No child is excluded from participating in the setting who may, for any reason, not yet be toilet trained and who may still be wearing nappies or equivalent. The nursery school will work with parents towards toilet training, unless there are medical or other developmental reasons why this may not be appropriate at the time.

The nursery provides nappy changing facilities and exercise good hygiene practices in order to accommodate children who are not yet toilet trained.

The nursery views toilet training as a self-care skill that children have the opportunity to learn with the full support and non-judgemental concern of adults.

The nursery has 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.

**Procedures**

Nappy changing

* All staff are responsible for changing children’s nappies.
* Changing areas are warm with safe areas to lay children.
* Staff ensure that nappy changing is relaxed and a time to promote independence in young children.
* All staff are gentle when changing; they avoid pulling faces and making negative comments about ‘nappy contents’.
* No member of staff makes inappropriate comments about children’s genitals when changing their nappies.
* Gloves, and where appropriate masks, 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.
* Nappies and pull ups are disposed of hygienically. Any soil (faeces) in nappies or pull ups is flushed down the toilet and the nappy or pull up is bagged three times and returned to the parent / carer at the end of the session to dispose of. Cloth nappies, trainer pants and ordinary pants that have been wet or soiled are rinsed and bagged for the parent to take home.

**Provision of Nappies & Disposal of Nappies**

* Children from two years should normally wear pull ups, or other types of trainer pants, as soon as they are comfortable with this and their parents agree.
* Parents bring in spare nappies or pull-ups, wipes and nappy sacks in their child’s book bag.
* Nappies, including cloth nappies, are bagged and returned to the parent/carer to take home.

**Support of toilet training**

* Children access the toilet when they have the need to and are encouraged to be independent.
* Children still wearing nappies 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.
* All children are encouraged to wash their hands, and have soap, hand dryer and paper towels to hand. They should be allowed time for some play as they explore the water and the soap.

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